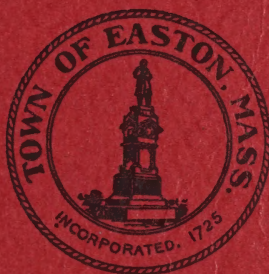


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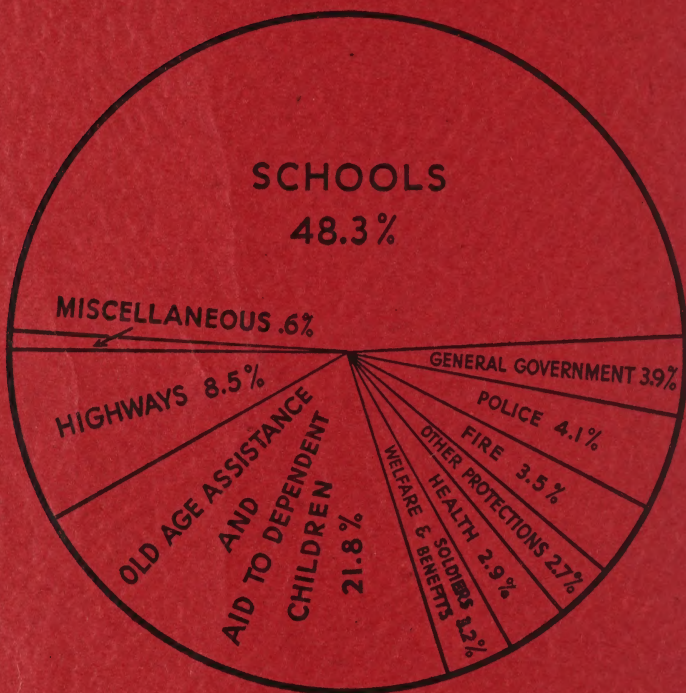


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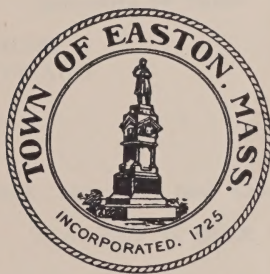
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TOWN OFFICERS, 1949

Moderator

JOSEPH W. LINEHAN, January to March

LEO M. HARLOW, April to December

Selectment and Board of Public Welfare

LEWIS R. MASON

DENIS C. BROPHY

ALBERT E. WOOD

Assessors of Taxes

JOSEPH W. LINEHAN

Term expires 1951

KENNETH C. HAYWARD

Term expires 1952

MARY E. WADE

Term expires 1950

Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector

STANLEY F. RICE

Assistant Town Clerk

WINIFRED CUNNINGHAM

School Committee

DAVID AMES

Term expires 1951

DONALD W. BELLOWS

Term expires 1951

ALICE K. BRIGGS

Term expires 1950

CLYDE A. CRAIG, JR.

Term expires 1950

HELEN S. TYLER

Term expires 1952

Superintendent of Schools

GILBERT C. MANN

Board of Health

JACOB BRENNER	Term expires 1950
CLYDE A. CRAIG	Term expires 1951
CORA M. HENNIGAR	Term expires 1952

Tree Warden

ROSCOE W. MELENDY

Superintendent of Moth Work

ROSCOE W. MELENDY

Registrars of Voters

JOHN J. GALVIN	Term expires 1951
SIGFRED V. LEDIN	Term expires 1952
LUTHER E. SWIFT	Deceased

Chief of Fire Department

ARTHUR W. BAILEY

Forest Warden

ARTHUR W. BAILEY

Chief of Police

HERBERT S. BERGLUND
GEORGE A. PIERSON, Acting Chief

Constable

GEORGE A. PIERSON

Dog Officer

FRANCIS J. REARDON

Superintendent of Streets

CARL W. ERICKSON

Sealer of Weights and Measures

JOHN A. GUSTAFSON

Inspector of Animals

J. CLINTON GOWARD

Inspector of Slaughtering

J. CLINTON GOWARD

Inspector of Milk

LEO J. FITZPATRICK

Town Accountant

JOHN I. LOWNDES

Town Attorney

RICHARD J. HATCHFIELD

Public Welfare and Old Age Assistance Bureau

MARGARET E. HARVEY, Agent

Finance Committee

JOHN S. AMES, JR.

MERVIN I. BOWDEN

JOSEPH CONNOLLY

EDGAR A. CRAIG

NORMAN O. DURFEE

HERMAN HALVARSON

JOHN B. HOWARD

FRANK D. LEARY

NEUBERT B. MORSE

CHARLES F. MCCARTHY

FRANK H. SARGENT

LEO R. SCHLEICHER

RICHARD L. SPROUL

CLARKE L. WILCOX

MYRON F. WILLIAMS

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, 1949

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the
County of Bristol, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the seventh day of March, next, at 8:00 o'clock P. M. then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors, Board of Public Welfare, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, Tree Warden and any committee of the Town and take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town Charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day and Armistice Day to be expended under the direction of Elijah A. Morse Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, George S. Shepard Post No. 7, American Legion, George F. Schindler Post No. 2547, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1950, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to

renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use from surplus revenue to reduce the tax levy for the current year.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to allocate from monies raised and appropriated for highway purposes, such sums as may be necessary for maintenance, improvement and construction of streets within the Town, said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County for the purpose, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to purchase one truck for the Highway Department, a certain truck of said department to be applied toward the purchase price of same, and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to transfer the sum of \$400 formerly set up for the purchase of a Town Dump in South Easton to the Excess and Deficiency account so-called.

ARTICLE 9. To see what action the Town will take in respect to the purchase of gas masks for use by members of the Fire Department as is required under the provisions of Chapter 337 of the Acts of 1948, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

ARTICLE 10. To see what action the Town will take in respect to the purchase of a gun or other suitable device capable of throwing a projectile with a cord attached thereto, and a life net or jumping net, for use by members of the Fire Department, as is required under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 48, Section 50, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to increase the salaries of the members of the Board of Health, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, in the name of and in behalf of the Town, to execute, acknowledge and deliver a proper instrument releasing to the Trustees of Pvt. George F. Schindler Post 2547, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the condition or restriction appearing in its deed from said Town dated May 16, 1933, recorded Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Book 817, Pages 563-564, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to enter into a contract with a person or persons for the collection of rubbish and for the upkeep of the Town Dump, located at the end of Baldwin Street, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new car for the Police Department, a car now in use to be turned in as part of the purchase price, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen for and in behalf of the Town, to purchase from Raleigh A. Holden certain land situated on the Easterly side of Pine Street as shown on a plan on file in the Town Clerk's Office, the same to be used for school purposes, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept Wilbur Street as a Public Way from Sheridan Street easterly to a point opposite the property of Albert A. Giordano, as shown on a plan on file in the Town Clerk's Office, and authorize the Selectmen in the name and on behalf of the Town to acquire the land by gift for highway purposes, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to make necessary repairs therefor, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

(By petition of Albert A. Giordano and others)

ARTICLE 17. To see what action the Town will take to establish a Department of Veterans' Services, the appointment of a veteran as director of Veterans' Services, the appointment

of an advisory board of five persons and the establishment of an office for the Department of Veterans' Services as is required under the provisions of Chapter five hundred and ninety-nine (599) of the Acts of 1946 and to raise and appropriate such sum or sums as may be necessary for the establishment and maintenance of the Department of Veterans' Services in compliance with the Laws of the Commonwealth.

(By petition)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a building survey committee consisting of five voters to study available school housing, prospective school enrollments, and any needed new construction, said Committee to report its findings at the next Annual Town Meeting or at any special Town Meeting that may be held before that time.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee consisting of five members to study the advisability of erecting a Town garage, said Committee to report its findings at the next Annual Town Meeting or at any special Town meeting that may be held before that time.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee consisting of five voters to study the advisability of establishing a Planning Board within the Town, said Committee to report its findings at the next Annual Town Meeting or at any special Town meeting that may be held before that time.

ARTICLE 21. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, qualified to vote in elections, residing in Precinct One, to meet at the Furnace Village School; those residing in Precinct Two to meet at the High School Auditorium; and those residing in Precinct Three, to meet at the South Easton School House on Monday, the 14th day of March next at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes all on one ballot for one member of the Board of Assessors, for a term of three years; one member of the Board of Health, for a term of three years; and one member of the School Committee for a

term of three years; Moderator, three Selectmen, three members of the Board of Public Welfare, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Tree Warden, and a Finance Committee of fifteen, all for a term of one year. The Polls will be open at 10:00 o'clock A. M. and shall be closed at 8:00 o'clock P. M.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at each meeting house and post office in said Town, and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting, and said Town Clerk is hereby required to make return of this warrant to the Warden or Deputy Warden at the time and place of holding said meeting for the election of officers, and said Warden is hereby required to make return of this warrant to the Town Clerk, together with his return or officers elected at the close of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 31st day of January in the year nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

LEWIS R. MASON
DENIS C. BROPHY
ALBERT E. WOOD

Selectmen of Easton

Bristol, ss.

Easton, Mass., February 26, 1949.

By virtue hereof, and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this warrant.

HERBERT S. BERGLUND,
Constable of Easton

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 7, 1949

The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock P. M., and the warrant read by the Moderator, Joseph W. Linehan.

Article 1. Voted to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors, Board of Public Welfare, Board of Health, Town

Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant and Tree Warden.

Article 2. At this time it was voted that in case the Moderator should be in doubt on a voice vote, a paper ballot would be used.

Mr. John S. Ames, Jr., Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported the recommendations of the committee. The following appropriations were then voted for the year 1949.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$950.00 for Assessors' Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000.00 for Aid to Dependent Children.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for Aid to Dependent Children Administration.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for Care of Cemeteries.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for Dog Officer.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for Election Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75.00 for Finance Committee Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,253.00 for the Fire Department.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for Forest Warden's Salary.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 for the Health Department.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for Hire of Nurses, to be expended by the Health Department.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for Inspector of Animals.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for Interest on Notes.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for Incidentals.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for Legal Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,300.00 for the Moth Department.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$66,340.00 for Old Age Assistance.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for Old Age Assistance Administration.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,610.00 for the Police Department.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 for the Public Welfare Department.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for the Road Department.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Registrars of Voters Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$225.00 for Registrars of Voters Salaries.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for Town Office Account.

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the Reserve Fund from the Overlay Reserve Account.

A motion was made to raise and appropriate the sum of \$176,596.24 for the School Department, as recommended by

the Finance Committee. An amendment was offered to substitute the figure of \$184,696.24, as recommended by the School Committee. The Moderator was in doubt on the voice vote on the amendment, and a paper ballot was called for. The result of this ballot was as follows: Yes, 234; No, 353; Blanks, 21; Total, 608.

The original motion was then taken up, and it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$176,596.24 for the School Department.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for Selectmen's Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for Soldiers' Relief.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,750.00 for Tax Collector's Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for Town Accountant's Salary.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for Town Accountant's Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for Town Clerk's Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,365.00 for Town Officers' Salaries.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for Town Physician.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$936.05 for Town Reports.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for Town Treasurer's Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 for the Tree Department.

Article 3. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Memorial Day and Armistice Day, to be expended under the direction of Elijah A. Morse Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, George S. Shepard Post No. 7, American Legion, and George F. Schindler Post No. 2547, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Article 4. Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time, on and after January 1, 1950, in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1950, and to issue a note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 5. Voted to authorize the Assessors to utilize an amount from surplus revenue to reduce the tax levy for the current year, the amount to be determined by the Assessors.

Article 6. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to allocate from monies raised and appropriated for highway purposes, such sums as may be necessary for maintenance, improvement and construction of streets within the town, said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County for the purpose.

Article 7. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 from Ames Fund income to purchase a truck for the Highway Department, a certain truck of said department to be applied toward the purchase price of same.

Article 8. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer to transfer the sum of \$400.00 formerly set up for the purchase of a Town Dump in South Easton, to the Excess and Deficiency Account, so called.

Article 9. Voted to dismiss the article.

Article 10. Voted to dismiss the article.

Article 11. Voted to dismiss the article.

Article 12. Voted to authorize the Selectmen, in the name and on behalf of the town, to execute, acknowledge and deliver a proper instrument releasing to the Trustees of Pvt. George F. Schindler Post 2547, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the condition or restriction appearing in its deed from said town dated May 16, 1933, recorded in Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Book 817, pages 563-564.

Article 13. Voted to authorize the Board of Health to enter into a contract with a person or persons for the collection of rubbish and for the upkeep of the Town Dump located at the end of Baldwin Street, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for this purpose.

Article 14. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to purchase a new car for the Police Department, a car now in use to be turned in as part of the purchase price.

Article 15. Voted to authorize the Selectmen for and in behalf of the Town, to purchase from Raleigh A. Holden certain land situated on the easterly side of Pine Street, as shown on a plan on file in the Town Clerk's Office, the same to be used for School purposes, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for this purpose.

Article 16. Voted to accept Wilbur Street as a public way from Sheridan Street easterly to a point opposite the property of Albert A. Giordano, as shown on a plan on file in the Town Clerk's Office, and authorize the Selectmen in the name and on behalf of the town to acquire the land by gift for highway purposes, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to make necessary repairs.

Article 17. Voted that the Town of Easton establish a Department of Veterans' Services; that the Selectmen appoint an Advisory Board of five persons; that an office be established separate from the Welfare Department in the Town Offices; that the Selectmen appoint a veteran to act as Director of Veterans' Services, under the provisions of Chapter 599 of the Acts of 1946. It was voted to raise and appropriate the

sum of \$800.00 for this department, as follows: \$600.00 for Salary and \$200.00 for Expenses.

Article 18. Voted to authorize the Moderator to appoint a building survey committee consisting of five voters, to study available school housing, prospective school enrollments, and any needed new construction, said committee to report its findings at the next annual town meeting or at any special town meeting that may be called before that time.

Article 19. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee consisting of five members, to study the advisability of erecting a town garage, said committee to report its findings at the next annual town meeting or at any special town meeting that may be held before that time.

Article 20. Voted to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee consisting of five voters to study the advisability of establishing a Planning Board within the town, said committee to report its findings at the next annual town meeting or at any special town meeting that may be held before that time.

Article 21. Voted to exonerate any town official from any responsibility for the failure of Articles 9 and 10 to pass. (These articles referred to the purchase of gas masks, gun and life net for the Fire Department).

Voted to enter a rising vote of thanks to Arthur F. Anderson in recognition of his twenty-one years of faithful and efficient service as a member of the School Committee of Easton.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record. Attest:

STANLEY F. RICE,

Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION, 1949

In accordance with the warrant, the voters of the town met at their respective polling places on Monday, March 14, 1949.

The following named persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct One—Clifton C. Ripley, Warden; Gertrude C. Heath, Deputy Warden; Jennie M. Goss, Clerk; Edith F. Schleicher, Deputy Clerk; Hazel M. Harvey, Emily L. Wry, Michael J. Canty, Emma L. Dunn, Tellers.

Precinct Two—Mildred Deady, Warden; Vera L. Johnson, Deputy Warden; Anna M. Fox, Clerk; Francis J. Callahan, Frances Dineen, George A. Carter, George E. Healey, Cornelius J. Harvey, 3rd, Marion Milligan, Anne C. Reynolds, Stella VanVloten, Bernice E. Watts, Tellers.

Precinct Three—Steven Southworth, Warden; Katherine Meade, Deputy Warden; Myrtle L. Prior, Clerk; Gladys Alger, Bertha Cunningham, Victoria Hill, Dorothy A. Oman, Isabella S. Pratt, Gertrude Rollins, Tellers.

The polls were opened at ten o'clock A. M., and closed at eight o'clock P. M.

The number of ballots cast in Precinct One was two hundred forty-seven; in Precinct Two, one thousand sixty-five; in Precinct Three, four hundred eighty-five; total vote, seventeen hundred ninety-seven.

The result of the election was as follows:

SELECTMEN (Three)

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Denis C. Brophy	169	457	336	962
Henry W. Eliason	24	296	86	406
John J. Freitas	27	194	34	255
Lewis R. Mason	195	536	358	1089
Oscar H. Peterson	10	48	9	67
Frank J. Reynolds	45	364	60	469
Richard H. Southworth, Jr.	64	131	166	361

Albert E. Wood	147	629	263	1039
Scattering and blanks	60	540	143	743

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE (Three)

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Denis C. Brophy	172	457	338	967
Henry W. Eliason	28	304	83	415
John J. Freitas	27	189	35	251
Lewis R. Mason	194	523	349	1066
Oscar H. Peterson	11	51	11	73
Frank J. Reynolds	40	355	63	458
Richard H. Southworth, Jr.	65	129	166	360
Albert E. Wood	138	620	258	1016
Blanks	66	567	152	785

ASSESSOR

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
John J. Freitas	35	384	59	478
Kenneth C. Hayward	203	580	404	1187
Blanks	9	101	22	132

TOWN CLERK

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Stanley F. Rice	224	901	442	1567
Blanks	23	164	43	230

TOWN TREASURER

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Stanley F. Rice	222	887	439	1548
Blanks	25	178	46	249

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Stanley F. Rice	219	880	437	1536
Blanks	28	185	48	261

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (One)

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Helen Sloan Tyler	168	674	363	1205
Frederick J. Walker	58	247	109	414
Scattering and blanks	21	144	13	178

BOARD OF HEALTH (One)

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Cora M. Hennigar	117	545	229	891
Ethan A. Howard	112	332	240	684
Blanks	18	188	16	222

TREE WARDEN

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Roscoe W. Melendy	216	841	432	1489
Blanks	31	224	53	308

MODERATOR

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Leo M. Harlow	159	622	324	1105
Scattering	22	8	21	51
Blanks	66	435	140	641

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Fifteen)

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
John S. Ames, Jr.	205	737	392	1334
Mervin I. Bowden	190	600	360	1150
Joseph Connolly	180	705	336	1221
Edgar A. Craig	191	681	355	1227
Norman O. Durfee	197	629	360	1186
Herman Halvarson	179	631	354	1164
John B. Howard	195	636	378	1209
Frank D. Leary	186	691	355	1232
Neubert B. Morse	195	650	374	1219
Charles F. McCarthy	178	720	335	1233
Frank H. Sargent	194	601	349	1144
Leo R. Schleicher	184	621	336	1141
Richard L. Sproul	190	610	359	1159
Clarke L. Wilcox	188	624	357	1169
Myron F. Williams	185	651	349	1185
Scattering	0	0	2	2
Blanks	868	6188	1924	8980

A true record. Attest:

STANLEY F. RICE,
Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, 1949**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

Bristol, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town Easton in the
County of Bristol, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the nineteenth day of September, next, at 8:00 o'clock P.M. then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of any committee of the Town and take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for and in behalf of the Town, to acquire by gift or purchase, or to take by right of eminent domain, for highway purposes, such land as may be necessary for the widening and construction of Main Street, as shown on a plan on file in the Town Clerk's Office, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, the same to be raised in the tax levy of 1950, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of widening and construction of Main Street, as shown on a plan on file in the Town Clerk's Office, the same to be raised in the tax levy of 1950, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen for and in behalf of the Town, to purchase from the Robert T. Conroy Estate certain land situated on the Southerly side of Main Street at the rear of the Grammar School lot, as shown on a plan on file in the Town Clerk's Office, the same to be used for school purposes, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose, the same to be raised in the tax levy of 1950, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury, such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the increased costs of the Schools, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at each meeting house and post office in said town, and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 15th day of August in the year nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

LEWIS R. MASON,
ALBERT E. WOOD,
DENIS C. BROPHY,
Selectmen of Easton

Bristol, ss.

Easton, Mass., September 8, 1949.

By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day served the within warrant.

GEORGE A. PIERSON,
Constable of Easton

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, SEPTEMBER 19, 1949

The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock P. M. at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium by the Moderator, Leo M. Harlow, who read the warrant for the meeting.

ARTICLE 1. Mr. Edgar A. Craig, Chairman of the committee appointed to study the advisability of establishing a

Planning Board within the town, made a report of progress, and stated that the complete report would be given at the next annual town meeting.

ARTICLE 2. Voted that the Board of Selectmen, for and on behalf of the town, be authorized to acquire by gift or purchase or take by right of eminent domain, for highway purposes, such land as may be necessary for the widening and construction of Main Street, as shown on the plan on file in the office of the Town Clerk, the sum of \$2,300.00 to be appropriated therefor from the Sale of Real Estate Fund.

(Standing vote: Yes, 261; No, 3.)

ARTICLE 3. Voted that the sum of \$14,700.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of widening Main Street and the construction incidental thereto, of which sum \$4,777.00 is to be appropriated from the Sale of Real Estate Fund and the further amount of \$9,923.00 from available funds in the treasury.

(Standing vote: Yes, 256; No, 10.)

ARTICLE 4. Voted to authorize the Selectmen for and in behalf of the town, to purchase from the Robert T. Conroy Estate certain land situated on the southerly side of Main Street at the rear of the Grammar School lot, as shown on a plan on file in the Town Clerk's Office, the same to be used for school purposes, the sum of \$1000.00 to be appropriated from available funds in the treasury for this purpose.

(Standing vote: Yes, 268; No, 0.)

ARTICLE 5. At this time the Town Accountant, John I. Lowndes, reported to the meeting on an audit of the activities funds of the School Department, and offered a statement in writing as follows:

Mr. Moderator: It seems to me that before we come to any decision on this article we should have some assurance from some member of the School Department that any money appropriated under this article will be used exclusively for the purpose asked for. It would be distressing indeed to raise money here for teachers' salaries and then discover later on, by way of example, that part of the sum was transferred to make up a possible operating deficit in the High School Cafeteria.

Ladies and Gentlemen, last March I was engaged to audit the activities funds of the schools. I feel that it is my duty to call your attention to certain conditions and practices that I uncovered during the course of this audit. To begin with, several staff members were taking advantage of their position to order canned goods and other items through the High School Cafeteria account, receiving school discount rates on such purchases. Even such items as sheets and pillow cases passed through this account. It doesn't seem right that such practices were permitted. The Townspeople who pay the salaries of these public servants don't get such special considerations. And local merchants should expect patronage from the persons whose salaries they help meet. In the six-month period from September, 1948, to the end of February, 1949, these purchases amounted to almost two hundred dollars—at wholesale level.

Although an auditor was engaged to examine the transactions for 1947, no report has ever been published for this year. Why? On January 1, 1947, the High School Cafeteria had a net worth of \$614.09, according to a report published in the Town Report. On June 30, 1947, the project was in debt \$737.04. In six months the High School Cafeteria lost \$1,351.13. What happened? The profit and loss statement for June, 1947, shows a loss of \$801.46. It is very difficult to understand how the cafeteria could lose so much money, particularly in a month when the schools were closing for the summer vacation. The same statement shows purchases of \$1,474.25. Again it is difficult to understand why almost \$1,500.00 worth of purchases were made in a month when the schools were closing for the summer vacation. If all these purchases were made, why wasn't there more than \$169.64 inventory on hand September 1st?

In June of 1947 the sum of \$737.04 was transferred from the Student Activities Account, which includes the Athletic Fund, to meet unpaid bills of the High School Cafeteria. School officials authorized this transfer. And the School Committee of that year approved the transaction. Was any attempt made to find an explanation for conditions? If not, why? Didn't it occur to somebody with authority and responsibility that something was radically wrong? Are not the taxpayers entitled to know what is going on in their schools? Are we supposed to accept these things without question? There is something awfully wrong when a cafeteria project can move from a net worth of \$614.09 on January 1st to a net indebtedness of \$737.04

on June 30th and then almost magically can reduce its indebtedness by \$422.28 in the period from September to December 31st.

It was voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,600.00 from available funds in the treasury for the purpose of defraying the increased costs of the School Department.

ARTICLE 6. No business transacted, under this article.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record. Attest:

STANLEY F. RICE,

Town Clerk

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EASTON, 1949

Date	Name of Child	Parents' Names (Maiden Name of Mother)
JANUARY		
10	Phyllis Elaine Johnson	Joel A. and Toini A. Koylion
11	David Roy Daniels	Roy J. and Sarah M. Corkum
13	Sandra Jeanne Reed	Courtney and Phyllis Price
16	Pamela Gilberta Young	Lawrence C. and M. Dorothy deBruyn
18	Dorris Elsie Holmander	Emanuel A. and Mary E. Boyle
19	David Francis Tremblay	Raymond N. and Eleanor E. Lincoln
20	David Albert Burgess	Rodney D. and Evelyn M. E. Carlson
22	Gerald Kenneth Hill	Donald M. and Dorothy E. Varney
23	Shirley Vivian Peterson	Robert H. and Doris E. Batchelder
23	David Scott LaPensee	Kenneth and Althea Russell
27	Linda Marie Wolak	Walter J. and Muriel E. Geddes
28	Carol Lee Harlow	Elmer G., Jr., and Margaret E. Allen

FEBRUARY

4	David Roy Anderson	David G. and Mary J. Karle
6	Pamela Sue Varney	Donald W. and Shirley R. Reynolds
6	James Francis Howard	Roy L. and Alice F. DeCouto
8	Laurence Harold Anderson	Harold A. and Ellen M. Norrman
23	Robert Lindsay Moore	Douglas L. and Bennie A. Warrick
25	Loraine June Noyes	Paul E. and Beulah L. Earle
26	Cynthia Mary Grant	Clifford G. and Mary F. Bucci
28	Steven Albert Mabardy	Albert A. and Yvonne Sahady

MARCH

3	Joseph Downey	John F. and Doris M. Twomey
4	Pamela Ann Miller	John and Phyllis A. Seaver
7	Cecilia Dolores Barrett	Arthur J. and Cecilia D. DaCosta
11	Henry Francis Wilbur	Henry F. and Georgetta M. Brindley
12	Carolyn Gladys Conrad	Emerson S. and Alberta E. Salls
14	Joanne Sharon White	Lloyd T. and Josephine C. E. Rowe
14	Kenneth Vincent Holmes	Kenneth V. and Verna M. Johnson
22	Peter Earl Kelloway	William R., Jr., and Pansy M. Davis
30	Daniel Alfred Silva	John A. and Eileen R. Marsden
31	David Arnold Swanson	Arnold M. and Doris M. Crossman

APRIL

3	Barbara Louise Lewis	David and Gertrude L. Mathis
14	Paul Joseph Martin	Thomas J. and Mary E. Ross
16	Leon Joseph Lombardi	Samuel J. and Mary Lombardi

Date	Name of Child	Parents' Names (Maiden Name of Mother)
16	Susan Flynn	William L. and Mary E. Tierney
18	Judith Helena Flynn	William T. and Isabelle J. Diamond
19	Janet Anne Gustafson	Daniel T. and Philomena M. Caruso
20	David Willoughby Sanders	Kenneth E. and Ruth M. Gates
21	Dan Roland Maxwell	Ronald J. and Audrey E. Richards
27	Nancy Dianne Kelloway	Matthew B. and Hazel P. Wiswell
28	Margaret Anne Sullivan	John D. and Marguerite Craig

MAY

4	Larry Emery Willis	Charles E. and Lillian H. Millet
5	Barbara Ann Lyons	Laurence A. and Ruth A. Dickinson
7	Nancy Dorothy Lewis	Arthur T. and Eleanor Thurlow
12	Thomas Jeffrey Tarlow	Arthur S. and Thelma Harris
22	Gerald Wayne Grant	Harold W. and Elsie M. Corkum
25	Anthony Joseph Martin	Anthony J. and Arline I. Carlson
26	Christine Janet Josh	Hendrik and Maureen C. Rowlands

JUNE

1	Susan Craig	Donald F. and Margaret A. Downey
3	Susan Louise Carr	David A. and Marion L. Flachsbart
5	Philip Michelson	Albert J. and Lena R. Betcherman
6	Martha Mary Bergeron	Harold F. and Martha E. O'Malley
13	Stephen Howard Gay	Howard M. and Gladys M. Smith
14	Leslie Ann Gray	Gerald F. and Barbara J. Hughes
14	Harland Frederick Almquist	Harland F. and Enis Larson
15	David Matthew Reilly	Edward S. and Louise E. Dumas
19	Debora Mary Clark	Harry and Evelyn Burke
23	Rolene Ingard Carlson	Roland W. and Ruth I. Hanson
25	Joseph McMenamy	Edward L. and Margaret M. Cruise
28	Gregory Ford Rollins	William C., Jr., and Virginia A. Ford
29	Walter Francis Baird	Walter D. and Beatrice E. Holmes
30	Karen Ellen Leonard	Edgar W. and Ellen A. Carlson

JULY

1	Donna Mae Jackson	Hobroyd S. and Grace B. Converse
2	Stephen Pierce Baker	Roger L. and Helen F. Lord
3	Robert Earl Smith	Robert Earl, Jr., and Robert A. Raynard
7	Ann Mary Shepardson	Harry E., Jr., and Mary D. Nunes
21	Rosemarie Sandgren	Fred H. and Virginia R. Perry
21	Fred H. Sandgren	Fred H. and Virginia R. Perry
27	Gay Brumis	George and Marjorie Faunce
29	Jane Maria Sullivan	William J. and Elsa Maria Johnson

Date	Name of Child	Parents' Names (Maiden Name of Mother)
29	Michael Hugh O'Connell	Charles and Joan I. Harlow
31	Laurence Frederick Noyes	Frederick P. and Shirley C. Parmenter
31	Kathryn Marie Falzone	Dominic J. and Mary J. Barker

AUGUST

2	Douglas Ray Miller	Stanley R. and Virginia A. Canegaly
3	Paul McMenamy	John P. and Constance A. Rogers
7	Peter Manuel Paulino	Manuel and Belmira C. Vieira
11	Michael Gene Robicheau	Edward J. and Jean E. Martin
12	Antonio Gomes	Antonio and Eleanor F. Brennick
13	Deborah Sherman deSantos	Edgar E. and Rachel Poole
14	David Allan Briggs	Leonard W. and Helen E. Morrison
14	Mary Rita Malinosky	Henry J. and Rita A. Doherty
16	Patricia Ann Allen	Millard H. and Gladys M. DeMont
16	Linda Jane Faria	Joseph D. and Eudora V. Monroe
23	Linda Christine Johnson	Ralph R. and Eleanor M. Curtis
27	_____ Hicks	Frank L. and Blanche B. Sears
29	Alice Roberta Belair	Raymond F. and Mary A. Moher

SEPTEMBER

14	Dorothy Jean Anderson	Allan H. and Dorothy E. Erikson
15	Katharine Frances Hurley	John F. and Katharine A. Mahoney
17	Judith Ann Correia	Joseph M. and June I. Reynolds
18	James Scott Thomas	Harold C. and Ruth P. Donohue
21	Michael Carl DelColliano	Michael R. and Doris R. Benecchi
22	Ann Bassett Morse	Alfred G. and Rosemary J. Bradford
25	Michael Francis Maguire	John R. and Helena M. O'Neill

OCTOBER

1	Deborah Jean Hinds	Alan R. and Thelma M. Tasker
4	Susan deRochemont Ricker	Frederic E. and Ena E. Parker
5	Donald Richard Manley	Albert K. and Marjorie Riley
6	John Francis Healey	William J. and Sophie J. Goodman
6	Pamela Jane Roberge	Francis J. and Helen M. Cole
7	Edith Mae Lindstrom	Henry E. and Florence R. Trongeau
8	Eugene Carl Barkley	Merle and Muriel Meader
16	Frances Evelyn Annette Lowe	Henry and Florence D. Buchanan
17	Katherine Mary Loughlin	Lawrence L. and Mary L. Quinlon
19	Joseph Lawrence Kempf	Joseph L. and Mildred J. Holbrook
25	Alan Arthur Howard	Robert O. and Florence E. Heath
27	Roberta Ann Kavanaugh	Lawrence M. and Theresa M. Coelho

Date	Name of Child	Parents' Names (Maiden Name of Mother)
28	Thomas Arthur Lynch	Arthur M. and Constance M. Howard
31	Dale Robert Fitzgibbons	Rody J. and Edith R. Evarts

NOVEMBER

2	Karlton Gustav Anderson	Frederick R. and Phyllis M. Swanberg
4	Pamela Kay Stepanski	Walter J. and Dorothy Sylvester
18	Janet Louise Robinson	Earle F. and Phyllis E. Upton

DECEMBER

7	William Philip Dufault	William P. and Myrtle A. Millet
8	Susan Maida Shaffer	Clyde I. and Elizabeth E. Chisholm
10	Jon Richard Hegg	Harry L. and Frances L. Peklansky
12	Kevin Karl VanWormer	William E. and Mildred E. Peterson
12	Malcolm West Porter	Donald W. and Gertrude H. Morse
13	Stephen Parker Mitchell	Russell D. and June R. Parker
17	Albert Francis Hamilton	Albert F. and Jane R. Gallant
30	Bonita Ann Eastwood	Edwin H., Jr., and Barbara L. Hassell

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN EASTON, 1949

January 22—John Winthrop Hanscom and Norma Jean Molin,
both of Easton.

January 22—Franklin Walter Garcia of Easton and Elaine
Helen Naughton of Stoughton.

February 18—Walter Howard Staples and Anne Gertrude
Eaton, both of Easton.

February 19—William McFarland of Easton and Helen LaSalle
of Manchester, N. H.

February 20—Clarence Melvin Allen of Portland, Maine, and
Ethyl Foster of Auburn, Maine.

February 25—Edward Francis Pita of Easton and Laura Helen
Salvador of West Bridgewater.

February 26—Charles Dixon Thompson of Easton and Marilyn
Bernice Murphy of Boston.

March 12—Harold Wayne Grant and Elsie Millidean Corkum,
both of Easton.

March 19—Frederick Lewis Millet of Easton and Lucia Rose
Birtwistle of Braintree.

April 17—Edward Everett Wilbur of Easton and Geraldine
Louise Smith of East Bridgewater.

April 18—Francisco Rodrigues of Easton and Maria Julia
Cosmo of New Bedford.

April 30—Francis Howard Williams and Edith Shirley Lewis,
both of Easton.

May 7—Bronie Rozenas of Raynham and Margaret Priscilla
Harris of Easton.

May 7—Julian Chandler Swann of Raynham and Frances
Grace Maliff of Easton.

May 8—Thomas Michael Canty of Easton and Marion Byrde
Ellis of Avon.

- May 21—Frederick James Walker and Jean LaVerne Frasier, both of Easton.
- May 28—Philip Edward O'Connell and Barbara Cornelia Loughlin, both of Easton.
- May 28—Lewellyn Russell Horton, Jr., of Easton and Geraldine Alice Shebeck of Whitman.
- May 28—Everett Victor Palm of Easton and Elizabeth Burgoyne of Brockton.
- June 11—Ralph Aldon Maynard of Stoughton and Dorothy Louise Johnson of Easton.
- June 14—Arthur Elmer Kopeczy of Miami Springs, Florida, and Elsie Elizabeth Silva of Easton.
- June 15—Warren Allen Burrill and Barbara Agnes Alward, both of Easton.
- June 18—Francis James McNulty, Jr., of Boston and Mary Leona Murphy of Easton.
- June 18—Milton Joseph Enos and Clara Ann Barrett, both of Brockton.
- June 19—Warren Calvin Newton of Braintree and Mary Alice Bailey of Easton.
- June 19—Clement John Gill and Nancy Louise Birnie, both of Easton.
- June 19—Arnold Sidney Judson of Brockton and Bernice June Brenner of Easton.
- June 24—Melvin Gauley of Norwell and Nettie Fidelia Emerson of Easton.
- June 25—Albert Anthony Giordano of Easton and Geraldine Frances Viera of Taunton.
- June 26—Abner Curtis Hill, Jr., of Brockton and Ruth Esther Chase of Easton.
- June 26—Thomas William Wry of Easton and Gladys Trenetta Thomas of Brockton.
- June 30—Earl Frederick Johnson of Easton and Helen Ellen Backman of Boston.

July 4—Charles Malcolm Christensen and Claire Margaret Healey, both of Easton.

July 25—Gerald Anthony Groom of Brockton and Margaret Veronica Brophy of Easton.

August 3—Maurice James Kent of Easton and Helen Elizabeth Stone of Taunton.

August 6—Daniel Joseph Donahue of Easton and Jean Therese Craddock of West Bridgewater.

August 12—Matthew Pierce Bell and Pearl Elaine Drew, both of Easton.

August 14—Edward Arthur Buck and Verna Emerson Allen, both of Easton.

August 20—William Herin Waite of Edgewood, Rhode Island, and Beatrice Newell Anderson of Easton.

August 20—Leo Michael Brophy of Easton and Virginia May Brindley of Holbrook.

September 2—John Archibald Lauzon and Ruth Adelaide Kavanaugh, both of Easton.

September 3—Jose Ayala Lopez and Anna Paterno, both of New York City, N. Y.

September 3—Allan Stuart Harvey and Catherine Flourance Gill, both of Easton.

September 4—Roy Bancroft Farnham of Easton and Barbara Elizabeth Packard of Brockton.

September 10—Ralph Lawrence Owens, Jr., of Easton and Natalie Moore Miller of Brockton.

September 10—William Alfred Yaskonis and Betty Lorraine Eldridge, both of Easton.

September 10—Donald Eaton Henderson and Geraldine Alice Goward, both of Easton.

September 25—John William Suba, Jr., of Stoughton and Eleanor Marie Sharpe of Easton.

October 8—Robert Francis Pomeroy and Mary Elizabeth McCann, both of Easton.

- October 15—Owen Joseph Carroll and Anne Janosky, both of Brockton.
- October 17—Anthony Joseph Fontinha of Easton and Ernestine Isabel Olson of Wrentham.
- October 18—Alfred Frank Sawyer of Easton and Elinor Carolyn West of Brockton.
- October 21—Grover Kittredge Drury of Wellesley and Eleanor Gertrude Drury of Easton.
- October 22—John Pearson Baker and Rose Marie Parker, both of Easton.
- November 12—Arthur Warren Peterson of Easton and Dorothy Louise Young of Brockton.
- November 18—George Joseph Swanson and Priscilla Ann Dixon, both of Easton.
- November 19—Harold Wood Smith, Jr., of Newton and Mildred Ellen Mills of Everett.
- November 27—Arthur John Leonard Peterson of Easton and Josephine Ann Asack of West Bridgewater.
- December 3—Walter Bertil Swanson of Brockton and Ruth Linnea Grant of Easton.
- December 3—Richard Allen Drury of Easton and Janet Mary Craddock of West Bridgewater.
- December 4—Arthur Fenwick Sharpe of Easton and Florence Rita Madan of Stoughton.
- December 10—Harry Sigfred Lawson of Easton and Helen Frances Spillane of Brockton.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EASTON, 1949

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
JANUARY					
1	Annie Wood	63	0	14	Chronic Myocarditis, Arterio-sclerosis
11	Charles Bengtson	84	4	20	Coronary Thrombosis
17	John W. Stokinger	74	7	8	Arteriosclerosis
21	Robert T. Conroy	79	6	26	Bronchiectasis
23	Ellen Johnson	83	3	14	Pernicious Anemia, Arteriosclerosis
28	Michael McNealy	59	—	—	Sub-arachnoid Hemorrhage
30	Sadie Frances Pattee	82	4	0	Carcinoma
FEBRUARY					
2	Emma Ruth Arey	61	6	12	Coronary Thrombosis, Chronic Myocardosis
2	Philomena King	75	—	—	Multiple injuries following automobile accident
13	Milton J. Brady	19	5	24	Rheumatic Fever, Acute cardiac decompensation
16	William T. Hamilton	70	—	—	Diabetes Mellitus, Arteriosclerosis
18	Jennie Estelle Shephardson	83	8	20	Cerebral Hemorrhage
MARCH					
6	Julia F. Callahan	75	2	—	Carcinoma, Broncho Pneumonia
12	Louise Gay Marshall	89	8	25	Cerebral Hemorrhage
18	William O. Noyes	28	—	—	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
22	Mary Elizabeth Linehan	81	5	6	Coronary Thrombosis
22	Vandia Louise Hamilton	79	0	15	Cerebral Thrombosis, Lobar Pneumonia
23	Ernest R. Brown	73	—	—	Myocarditis, Arteriosclerosis
24	Franklin Copeland Wade	90	2	1	Cerebral Hemorrhage
26	Rose Mary Jesus	28	10	25	Pulmonary Embolism
31	Frank B. Gibbs	72	9	26	Cerebral Hemorrhage
APRIL					
4	Mae Godsoe	54	—	—	Cerebral Thrombosis
6	Cornelius Barkalow	80	3	8	Coronary Thrombosis
8	Florence Anna Keith	55	5	14	Carcinoma
14	Cornelius Riley	72	—	—	Multiple injuries, bus accident
MAY					
2	Charlotte Medora Heath	91	9	8	Cerebral Thrombosis
24	Julia B. Rankin	57	7	3	Cerebral Embolus
JUNE					
1	Laura Etta Smith	81	6	2	Cerebral Hemorrhage
7	Henry Lindon Southworth	75	8	13	Congestive Heart Failure, Arteriosclerosis

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
7	Niklas Ryberg	72	4	11	Ruptured aneurysm, abdominal aorta
12	Edward Joseph Scanlon	67	11	22	Coronary Thrombosis
26	John Edward Anderson	71	9	13	Ventricular failure, Bronchial Asthma
28	William C. Morse	75	3	1	Chronic Myocarditis

JULY

2	Hattie L. Willis	77	8	7	Carcinoma
3	Mildred L. Dorgan	71	6	7	Acute Pulmonary Edema, Coronary Occlusion
5	Mary Ann Hayward	84	10	26	Lobar Pneumonia
15	William H. Roche	67	7	2	Carcinoma
16	Charlotte W. Norton	63	—	—	Cerebral Thrombosis
17	Alexander Anderson	67	2	0	Carcinoma
21	Fred H. Sandgren			2 h.	Prematurity
22	Rosemarie Sandgren			7 h.	Prematurity
28	Harvey Emerson			29	Acute Coronary Thrombosis
	Raymond	69	9		
28	George Edgar Dana	98	3	26	Myocarditis, Arteriosclerosis
28	William Thure Roman	51	10	11	Carcinoma
31	Charles Bourne Willis	88	4	7	Chronic Nephritis

AUGUST

2	Laurie J. Flinkstrom	50	11	—	Esophageal Varices
9	Charles Otto Hagg	87	7	8	Chronic Myocarditis
12	Marian Chester Goward	68	1	8	Cerebral Hemorrhage
16	Frank I. Sherman	95	3	20	Chronic Myocarditis, Arteriosclerosis
19	Harry F. Sampson	61	10	3	Coronary Thrombosis, Angina Pectoris
21	Nellie Bruce	66	—	—	Carcinoma
21	David Martin	11	4	13	Acute Leukemia
24	Elmer W. Soule	64	2	15	Coronary Thrombosis
26	Ellen Amanda Swift	84	11	14	Cerebral Hemorrhage
27	Hicks	—	—	12 h.	Hydrocephalus, Prematurity

SEPTEMBER

3	Lester Eugene Hackett	75	9	13	Chronic Myocarditis
8	John Russell Field	75	0	13	Virus Pneumonia
8	Emma Cora Poole	84	6	28	Bronchial Pneumonia
10	Mercy Holbrook	88	7	27	Myocarditis, Arteriosclerosis
12	Gertrude Augusta Heath	73	11	3	Carcinoma
13	Charles A. Donovan	63	—	—	Bronchial Asthma, Coronary Heart Disease
13	Frederick I. Pickett	30	9	—	Carcinoma of Lung
21	Ellen L. Anderson	64	7	17	Carcinomatosis

OCTOBER

5	Luther Everett Swift	82	10	7	Coronary Disease, Arteriosclerosis
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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
8	George Eddy Humphrey	71	7	2	Coronary Thrombosis
12	Felix Formalarie	56	—	—	Coronary Occlusion
19	Isabel Pauline Eliason	43	9	8	Esophageal Varices
21	John E. Dyer	86	0	27	Myocarditis, Arteriosclerosis

NOVEMBER

1	Nellie Louise Porter	74	4	12	Lymphosarcoma
2	John Carlson	81	3	4	Pernicious Anemia
2	Ellen C. Drummey	62	—	—	Cerebral Hemorrhage
13	William Healey	37	5	—	Peritonitis, Appendicitis
21	Emelia C. Carlson	71	2	7	Chronic Nephritis, Hypertension
27	Alice Burger	92	8	—	Fracture of right femur, Broncho Pneumonia, Arterio sclerosis

DECEMBER

11	Emily Florence Olin	69	8	14	Gastric Hemorrhage, Carcinomatosis
12	Mary Patricia Nagle	6	6	22	Fracture of skull and neck, accident
17	Adelaide C. Young	73	11	8	Cerebral Hemorrhage
17	Donald William Emerson	1	3	5	Suffocation and Burns
23	David Portnoy	48	—	—	Coronary Occlusion
25	William M. Smith	79	8	22	Hypertensive Cardiovascular disease
25	Sadie Linton Hurst	87	2	14	Carcinoma
30	Mary A. Wilbur	83	9	26	Chronic Myocarditis, Lobar Pneumonia
31	Andrew Simmons Myers	87	9	4	Chronic Myocarditis

LICENSES, 1949

(Paid to Town Treasurer)

Liquor (All Alcoholic)

(Fee \$400.00)

Cappy's, Inc.
Conlon's Diner

The Four Hundred
Union Villa

Wines & Beer

(Fee \$175.00)

The Four Corners

Tony & Joe's Cafe

Cross Roads Lunch

Package Goods (All Alcoholic)

(Fee \$200.00)

Kennel Package Store

Frank J. Mitrano

Package Goods (Wines & Beer)

(Fee \$75.00)

John Camara

Highways, Inc.

Special Liquor Permits

North Star Lodge	1.00
Hockamock Fox Hound Club (2)	2.00
Hjalmar E. Johnson	1.00
Sons of Cedar of Lebanon	25.00
Thomas E. Healey	1.00
Asariana Band Club	25.00
Our Lady of Cedars of Lebanon	25.00
Kfar Delius Society	25.00
Easton Rod & Gun Club	1.00
Sam Hassen Society	25.00
Easton Fire Department	1.00
Veterans Foreign Wars (64 days)	64.00

Victuallers' Licenses

(Fee \$5.00)

Cappy's, Inc.

Conlon's Diner

The Four Hundred

Union Villa

The Four Corners

Tony & Joe's Cafe

Chief Hockamock

Howard Johnson

The Merrymacs

O'Connor's News Store

The Yankee Hostess

Fred A. Leavitt

Topsy's of Easton	The Easton Pharmacy
Wilshire Community Store	Veterans of Foreign Wars
Cross Roads Lunch	Ames-Baldwin-Wyoming Co.
Brant Rock Pharmacy, Inc.	Herrick's Community Store
Topsy's Chicken Coop	Harte's Lunch
Frank Gomes	James McAna
William J. Mara	Turnpike Diner

Sunday Licenses

(Fee \$5.00)

Ray T. Farnham	Albin E. Fuller
Frederick & Anne Harnden	Charlotte Kimball
Floyd E. Peaslee	David Pickett
Edgar H. Rohdin	Julia M. Waugh
Walter and Ruth Mager	Richard H. Johnson
A. & W. Cash Market	Raymond E. Smith
S. Easton Public Market	Easton Theatre
Albert MacLeod	

Auto Dealers' Licenses, Class 1

(Fee \$10.00)

Easton Motor Sales	Main Street Garage
Melvin G. Earle	Roy C. Oman

Auto Dealers' Licenses, Class 2

(Fee \$10.00)

Tony Service Station	Clifton W. Badeau
Hicks Bros. Garage	James Alexio
Albert Niemi	Sherwood C. Nye

Avery L. Williams

Gasoline Licenses

(Fee \$1.00)

Sherwood C. Nye	Melvin G. Earle
Mrs. Lynda P. Howard	E. C. Coughlin & J. W. Linehan

Denatured Alcohol License

(Fee \$1.00)

Stedfast Rubber Company

Gasoline Registration

(Fee 50c)

James Alexio	Ames School of Aviation
Clifton Badeau	Frank E. Blake
Carl Dahl	Joseph M. Dardano
C. E. & W. H. Donohue	George C. Field

Edmund C. Ford	Hazel L. Frasier
Anthony & Joseph Gaultier	Fred Harnden
Charlotte Kimball	Harold Lockwood
Meadow Lea Cranberry Co.	Paul Mitrano
Albert W. Niemi	N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co. (2)
Roy C. Oman	Floyd E. Peaslee
David Pickett	Edgar H. Rohdin
Socony Vacuum Oil Co.	Harry J. Sundell
Sun Oil Co.	Wm. R. Kelloway, Jr.

Wendell T. Ladd

Junk Licenses

(Fee \$20.00)

Commercial Salvage Co.	William Familant
Brockton Waste Co.	Fred A. Hall

Sunday Entertainment Licenses

Hockamock Golf Range	\$10.00
Easton Theatre, Inc. (53 days)	53.00

State Peddlers' Licenses

Received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts (2)	\$22.00
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License to Sell, Rent & Lease Firearms

(Fee \$10.00)

Donald W. Porter (2)	\$20.00
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Milk Licenses, Board of Health

47 Licenses @ 50c	\$23.50
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Oleomargarine Licenses, Board of Health

14 Licenses @ 50c	\$7.00
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Pasteurization Licenses, Board of Health

Charles E. Wilbur	\$10.00
George L. Randall	10.00

Non-Alcoholic Beverage Mfg. License, Board of Health

(Fee \$20.00)

Simpson Spring Company

Slaughtering License, Board of Health

(Fee \$25.00)

Joseph H. Wilbur

Trailer Camp License, Board of Health

(Fee \$3.00)

Robert H. & Ethel L. Johnson

HUNTING, FISHING TRAPPING LICENSES

1949

165 Resident Citizen Fishing	@ \$2.00	\$330.00
115 Resident Citizen Hunting	@ 2.00	230.00
104 Resident Citizen Sporting	@ 3.25	338.00
69 Resident Citizen Minor and Female Fishing	@ 1.25	86.25
6 Resident Citizen Minor Trapping	@ 2.25	13.50
10 Resident Citizen Trapping	@ 5.25	52.50
4 Non-Resident Fishing (Special)	@ 1.50	6.00
2 Non-Resident Fishing	@ 5.25	10.50
40 Resident Citizen Sporting, Free**	@ .00	.00
8 Resident Military Sporting, Free*	@ .00	.00
1 Resident Citizen Fishing, Old Age Case*	@ .00	.00
524		\$1,066.75

**Free to residents over 70 years of age.

*Free, no fees allowed.

Fees on 475 licenses to town Treasurer	@ .25	\$118.75
		\$948.00

The total number of licenses issued for each of the past five years was as follows:

1945	366
1946	482
1947	453
1948	478
1949	524

STANLEY F. RICE,

Town Clerk

DOG LICENSES

Issued December 1, 1948 to November 30, 1949.

Individual Licenses	492
Kennel Licenses	17
Total	509

The above 509 licenses were as follows:

1 Kennel	@ \$50.00	\$50.00
4 Kennel	@ 25.00	100.00
12 Kennel	@ 10.00	120.00
316 Male	@ 2.00	632.00
45 Female	@ 5.00	225.00
131 Female Spayed	@ 2.00	262.00
509		\$1,389.00
Deducted for fees, 509 @ 20		101.80
Amount paid Bristol County		\$1,287.20

For the benefit of the owners and keepers of dogs, the following extract of the General Laws is submitted:

General Laws, Chapter 140

Section 137—Licenses and Tags. The owner or keeper of a dog which is three months old or over shall annually, on or before March thirty-first, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from April first following, if the dog is kept in Boston in the office of the police Commissioner, or if kept in any other town in the office of the clerk thereof. The license shall be in a form prescribed by the director, upon a blank to be furnished, except in the County of Suffolk, by the county in which the town is located, and shall be subject to the conditions expressed therein that the dog which is the subject of the license shall be controlled and restrained from killing, chasing or harassing live stock or fowls. The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck or body a collar or harness of leather

or other suitable material, to which shall be securely attached a tag in a form prescribed by the director, and upon which shall appear the license number, the name of the town issuing such license and the year of issue. Such tags shall be furnished in the same manner as the license blanks, and if any such tag shall be lost the owner or keeper of such dog shall forthwith secure a substitute tag from the town clerk, at a cost of ten cents which shall be retained by the clerk, unless otherwise provided by law. Any persons may bring or cause to be brought from another state or county any dog licensed under the law thereof and keep such dogs in this commonwealth for a period not exceeding thirty days without licensing it hereunder, and during such period the foregoing provisions of this section shall not apply to such dog.

Section 138—Licenses. A person who after April first in any year becomes the owner or keeper of a dog which is not duly licensed, and the owner or keeper of a dog when it becomes three months old after March thirty-first in any year, shall cause it to be registered, numbered, described, licensed, collared or harnessed and tagged as required by section one hundred and thirty-seven. A person who after April first in any year becomes the owner or keeper of a dog which is duly licensed in the town where kept shall forthwith give notice in writing to the clerk of such town, or if kept in Boston to the police commissioner, that he has become such owner or keeper, and said clerk or police commissioner, as the case may be, shall change the record of such license to show the name and address of the new owner or keeper.

STANLEY F. RICE, Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

For the year 1949

As there were no State or National election during the year 1949, only three meeting of the board were held for the registration of voters.

All Town and District nomination papers were certified at various meetings of the board. Much work was accomplished in the revision of the voting lists.

At the close of the final registration on February 15, 1949, the total number of registered voters was as follows:

	Men	Women	Total
Precinct 1	248	248	496
Precinct 2	956	977	1933
Precinct 3	415	412	827
Total	1619	1637	3256

The Board of Registrars of Voters lost a valuable member by the death of Mr. Luther E. Swift on October 5, 1949. Mr. Swift was appointed to fill a vacancy in 1908 and had served continuously since that time, a period of forty-one years. Although not very active during the past few years, his knowledge of registration laws and his familiarity with the residents of the south part of the town, will be greatly missed by the board members.

SIGFRED V. LEDIN, Chairman

STANLEY F. RICE, Clerk

JOHN J. GALVIN,

Registrars of Voters.

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS

To the Citizens of Easton:

We herewith submit the following report of the financial condition of the Town of Easton as assessed on January 1, 1949.

Valuation of the Town

Valuation of Real Estate	\$5,142,775.00
Valuation of Personal Estate	563,845.00
Value of Real Estate assessed in December	375.00
Total assessed valuation of the Town of Easton	\$5,706,995.00

TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Number of Corporations and Persons assessed	1,812
Rate of Property Tax per thousand of valuation	\$42.00
Value of Motor Vehicles assessed	\$876,530.00
Number of Motor Vehicles assessed	2,716
Rate of Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$41.32
Number of Males assessed	2,043
Rate of Poll Tax	\$2.00
Number of acres of land assessed	17,515.07
Number of dwelling houses assessed	1,579
Number of horses assessed	30
Number of cows assessed	465
Number of neat cattle other than cows assessed	132
Number of swine assessed	43
Number of sheep assessed	39
Number of fowl assessed	27,500
Number of all other animals assessed	66

Valuation of the Districts

North Easton Village District	\$2,489,470.00
South Easton and Eastondale District	1,502,380.00
Unionville District	611,570.00
Easton Center District	124,905.00

Recapitulation

Amount raised and appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting in March 1949, including the Overlay	373,967.12
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Amount appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting in March, 1949	3,000.00
Overlay Deficit of 1946	3.72
School Bonds and Interest	10,058.75
State Parks Tax and Underestimate of 1948	481.89
State Audit of Municipal Accounts and Underestimate of 1948	1,511.62
County Tax and Underestimate of 1948	15,992.79
County Hospital Tax and Underestimate of 1948	5,357.23
County Retirement assessment	2,010.95

Total Expenditures	\$412,384.07
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Estimated Receipts	\$154,620.03
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Available Funds:

Amount used by the Assessors from the Excess and Deficiency Account to reduce the Tax Levy	11,000.00
Appropriated at Town Meeting	3,000.00

Total Receipts	168,620.03
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Total Amount raised by taxation on Polls and Property	\$243,764.04
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There was an increase in appropriations of \$14,895.23 over the previous year.

The County Tax and County Hospital Assessment increased over \$5,000.00 in 1949.

The Tax Rate for 1949 was \$42.00, a decrease of \$3.00 under 1948.

There was a gain of \$278,240.00 in Real Estate Valuation, also a gain of \$42,235.00 in Personal Valuation as compared with the year of 1948.

The Motor Vehicle Excise Valuation increased \$230,680.00.

Your Board of Assessors used \$11,000.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Fund to reduce the tax rate.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH W. LINEHAN
KENNETH C. HAYWARD
MARY E. WADE

Board of Assessors of Easton.

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

TAXES OF 1947

Dr.

Uncollected balance, January 1, 1949	\$2,052.97	
Tax re-committed on Tax Title disclaimed	4.32	
Interest charged	145.63	
Costs charged	50.40	
		\$2,253.32

Cr.

Collected in 1949	\$2,031.37	
Interest collected	145.63	
Costs collected	50.40	
Abatements	25.92	
		\$2,253.32

— ITEMIZED —

	Collected	Abated	Total
Personal	\$ 18.72	\$21.60	\$ 40.32
Real	1,919.47	4.32	1,923.79
North Easton	45.60	.00	45.60
South Easton	11.46	.00	11.46
Unionville	15.19	.00	15.19
Easton Center	20.93	.00	20.93
Total	\$2,031.37	\$25.92	\$2,057.29

TAXES OF 1948

Dr.

Uncollected balance, January 1, 1949	\$24,049.57
Excise committed in 1949	218.30
Tax re-committed on Tax Title disclaimed	5.40
Interest charged	399.97

Costs charged	169.90
Abatements after payment	211.19

\$25,054.33

Cr.

Collected in 1949	\$19,322.17
Interest collected	399.97
Costs collected	169.90
Abatements	444.25
Abatements refunded	211.19
Uncollected balance, December 31, 1949	4,506.85

\$25,054.33

— Itemized —

	Collected	Abated	Refunded	Uncollected	Total
Excise	\$ 1,298.37	\$406.85	\$ 4.60	\$ 54.01	\$ 1,763.83
Poll	22.00	32.00	.00	14.00	68.00
Personal	1,305.48	.00	.00	283.50	1,588.98
Real	15,802.28	5.40	200.25	4,006.57	20,014.50
N. Easton	401.87	.00	.00	45.82	447.69
S. Easton	199.78	.00	2.50	37.30	239.58
Unionville	152.02	.00	3.84	29.20	185.06
E. Center	140.37	.00	.00	36.45	176.82
Total	\$19,322.17	\$444.25	\$211.19	\$4,506.85	\$24,484.46

TAXES OF 1949**Dr.**

Excise Commitments	\$28,238.39
Poll commitments	4,098.00
Personal Property Commitments	23,681.49
Real Estate Commitments	216,012.30
North Easton District Commitments	5,259.49
South Easton District Commitments	3,010.46
Unionville District Commitments	3,363.88
Easton Center District Commitments	1,124.18
Interest charged	58.39
Costs charged	264.20
Abatements after payment	441.54

\$285,552.32

Cr.

Collected in 1949	\$254,928.71
Interest collected	58.39
Costs collected	264.20
Abatements	5,331.24
Tax Title Account	328.37
Abatements refunded	441.54
Uncollected balance, December 31, 1949	24,199.87
	\$285,552.32

— Itemized —

	Collected	Abated	Refunded	Tax Title	Uncoll.	Total
Excise	\$ 25,292.96	\$1,007.86	\$318.93	\$.00	\$ 1,937.57	\$ 28,557.32
Poll	3,478.00	582.00	.00	.00	38.00	4,098.00
Personal	21,493.92	647.43	.00	.00	1,540.14	23,681.49
Real	193,311.08	2,902.00	121.80	311.43	19,487.79	216,134.10
N. Easton	4,945.76	54.73	.21	3.73	255.27	5,259.70
S. Easton	2,715.61	47.85	.60	.40	246.60	3,011.06
Unionville	2,808.86	56.39	.00	12.81	485.82	3,363.88
E. Center	882.52	32.98	.00	.00	208.68	1,124.18
Total	\$254,928.71	\$5,331.24	\$441.54	\$328.37	\$24,199.87	\$285,529.73

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

Receipts

Balance, January 1, 1949	\$84,037.15
Temporary Loans	50,000.00
Withholding Taxes	15,104.75
Bristol County Retirement	3,255.69

Received from Collector of Taxes:

Town and District Taxes of 1947	2,031.37
Town and District Taxes of 1948	19,322.17
Town and District Taxes of 1949	254,928.71
Interest on Taxes	603.99

Received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Income Taxes	60,953.01
Corporation Taxes	27,296.82
Meals Tax	2,501.33
Franchise Tax	1,542.85
Department of Education	5,594.60
Public Works, Chapter 90	6,100.17

Received from County of Bristol:

Dog Fund of 1948	965.69
Highway Department, Chapter 90	3,800.09
Oliver Ames Highway Fund, Income	25,441.67
Oliver Ames Highway Fund, 2nd, Income	1,214.71
Oliver Ames School Fund, Income	19,447.40
Oakes Ames School Fund, Income	3,513.74
Young Scholarship Fund	76.48
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds, Income	413.61
Dog Licenses of 1949	1,290.80

Federal Grants:

Old Age Assistance	50,019.18
Old Age Assistance Administration	2,953.59
Aid to Dependent Children	5,467.03
Aid to Dependent Children Administration	443.57
Road Machinery Fund	954.80

Tax Title Accounts:

Town	694.76
Unionville	3.51
Interest and Costs	55.00
Tax Possession Accounts, Town	89.85

Department Receipts:

Aid to Dependent Children	4,512.53
Fire refund	.62
Health	406.35
Highways	194.46
Incidentals	3,440.00
Old Age Assistance	40,509.82
Public Welfare	1,731.82
Police	310.51
Registrars	2.00
School	11,055.33
Sealer of Weights and Measures	189.30
Tree	43.10
Tax Collector	617.85
Town Clerk	1,229.65
Veterans' Benefits	401.00
	\$714,762.43

Expenditures

Temporary Loans	\$50,000.00
Withholding Taxes	15,104.75
Bristol County Retirement	3,255.69
North Easton District Taxes	5,393.23
South Easton and Eastondale District Taxes	2,926.85
Unionville District Taxes	2,976.07
Easton Center District Taxes	1,043.82
Unionville District Tax Titles	3.51

Tax Refunds:

Excise Tax of 1948	4.60
Excise Tax of 1949	318.93
Town Real Estate Tax of 1948	200.25
Town Real Estate Tax of 1949	121.80

Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Auditing Municipal Accounts	979.32
State Parks and Reservations	599.55

Paid County of Bristol:

County Tax	14,235.49
Dog Licenses	1,287.20
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	6,093.46
Retirement System	2,010.95
School Bonds	9,500.00
Interest on School Bonds	558.75
Young Scholarship Fund	76.48
Interest on Notes	174.72

Departmental Payments:

(See Accountant's Report)	458,475.88
Balance, December 31, 1949	139,421.13
	\$714,762.43

STANLEY F. RICE,

Town Treasurer

TOWN OF EASTON
Financial Statement As of December 31, 1949

Assets

Cash in Treasury (General Fund) \$139,421.13

Liabilities

Outstanding School Bonds:

Issue of 1938, 2% \$ 10,000.00

Net Surplus \$129,421.13

Uncollected Town and District Taxes
As of December 31, 1949

For the year 1948:

	Commitment	Uncollected	% Collected
Town	\$265,761.04	\$4,358.08	98.36
District	13,119.93	148.77	98.87

For the year 1949:

Town	\$272,030.18	\$23,003.50	91.54
District	12,758.01	1,196.37	90.62

STANLEY F. RICE,
Treasurer and Tax Collector.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY FUNDS HELD BY THE TOWN TREASURER

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Dec. 31 '49 Balance</i>	<i>1949 Interest</i>	<i>1949 Withdrawal</i>	<i>Dec. 31 '49 Balance</i>
S. Olive Drake Fund	\$243.41	\$ 334.86	\$ 6.72	\$ 5.00	\$ 336.58
Cyrus Alger Fund	300.00	400.00	10.06	10.06	400.00
Lewis Williams Fund	100.00	100.00	2.51	2.51	100.00
Pine Grove Cemetery	1,480.38	1,480.38	37.23	37.23	1,480.38
Lothrop & Towne Fund	100.00	100.00	2.51	2.51	100.00
Daniel Belcher Fund	200.00	280.99	7.05	7.05	280.99
Almira E. Packard Fund	100.00	149.46	3.75	3.75	149.46
Daniel M. Daily Fund	150.00	150.00	3.77	3.77	150.00
Margaret J. Fisher Fund	100.00	120.71	3.03	3.03	120.71
E. D. & E. H. Williams	150.00	150.00	3.77	3.77	150.00
Elizabeth F. Drake Fund	200.00	279.41	7.02	7.02	279.41
William Erving Fund	100.00	100.00	2.51	2.51	100.00
Dean, Keith Family Lot	100.00	100.00	2.51	2.51	100.00
Robert M. Malloy Lots	100.00	100.00	2.51	2.51	100.00
Elizabeth L. Reed Fund	100.00	100.00	2.51	2.51	100.00
Archie J. McEntee Lots	100.00	100.00	2.51	2.51	100.00
E. L. Lewis Fund	200.00	200.00	5.03	5.03	200.00
Thos. C. McDermott Lots	1,000.00	1,218.65	30.58	5.00	1,244.23
Thomas C. McDermott Fund	500.00	.00	4.17	.00	504.17
		<u>\$5,464.46</u>	<u>\$139.75</u>	<u>\$108.28</u>	<u>\$5,995.93</u>

STANLEY F. RICE,

Town Treasurer

REPORT OF CEMETERY FUNDS HELD BY SELECTMEN

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Balance Dec. 31 '49</i>	<i>Interest 1949</i>	<i>Withdrawal 1949</i>	<i>Balance Dec. 31 '49</i>
Nancy B. Buck Fund	\$200.00	\$211.18	\$ 5.30	\$ 5.30	\$211.18
Josiah Williams Fund	100.00	100.00	2.51	2.51	100.00
Howe-Keith-White Fund	200.00	210.00	5.28	5.28	210.00
Seth L. French Fund	100.00	100.00	2.51	2.51	100.00
Alonzo Marshall Fund	200.00	200.00	5.03	5.03	200.00
		<u>\$821.18</u>	<u>\$20.63</u>	<u>\$20.63</u>	<u>\$821.18</u>

LEWIS R. MASON,
DENIS C. BROPHY,
ALBERT E. WOOD,

Selectmen

HIRAM P. AND MARY L. DRAKE SPECIAL CEMETERY FUND

Original Amount of Fund		\$500.00
Balance, North Easton Savings Bank, January 1, 1949	\$632.25	
Interest added in 1949	15.90	
		\$648.15
Transferred to Town Treasurer's Account,	15.90	
Balance, North Easton Savings Bank, December 31, 1949	632.25	
		\$648.15

HIRAM P. AND MARY L. DRAKE GENERAL CEMETERY FUND

Original amount of Fund		\$10,685.75
Balance, North Easton Savings Bank, January 1, 1949	\$10,685.75	
Interest added in 1949	268.80	
		\$10,954.55
Transferred to Town Treasurer's Account	\$268.80	
Balance, North Easton Savings Bank, December 31, 1949	10,685.75	
		\$10,954.55

LEWIS R. MASON,
DENIS C. BROPHY,
ALBERT E. WOOD,

Selectmen of Easton.

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL FUND

On deposit, January 1, 1949	\$13,979.86
Interest added in 1949	351.67
Balance, North Easton Savings Bank, Dec. 31, 1949	\$14,331.53

STANLEY F. RICE,
Town Treasurer.

YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

On deposit, January 1, 1949	\$3,040.39
Interest added in 1949	76.48
	\$3,116.87
Payments from Fund	\$76.48

Balance, North Easton Savings Bank, Dec. 31, 1949 \$3,040.39

STANLEY F. RICE,
Town Treasurer.

SUMMARY OF AMES TRUST FUND

The following statement is supplied the Town Treasurer by the office of the Trustees, Messrs. John S. Ames and William A. Parker:

"Following is a summary of the Ames Trust Funds held for the benefit of the Town of Easton as of December 31, 1949, together with an estimate of 1950 income. The estimate for 1950 is based on the amounts which the various companies are now paying. This estimate does not allow for any deductions which may have to be made before the net income is paid over to the Town of Easton; neither does it take into

consideration any extra dividends which might be paid by the various companies.

Funds for the Benefit of the Easton Highways

	Book Value	Approximate Mkt. Value	Income paid to town in 1949	Est. Income from Sec. in 1950
Original Fund	\$371,286.17	\$459,608.96	\$22,866.67	\$19,000.00
Permanent Fund	23,963.42	23,897.09	1,214.71	1,000.00

Fund for the Benefit of the Easton Schools

Original Fund	307,269.89	372,856.60	19,447.40	16,000.00
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STANLEY F. RICE,
Town Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT OAKES AMES

MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

FOR YEAR 1949

RENTING ACCOUNT

Balance on hand January 1, 1949 \$359.02

Receipts:

Rent of Halls	\$434.00	
Interest, North Easton Saving Bank	8.02	
		\$801.04

Expenditures:

Light	\$155.50
Oil	318.08
Water	10.00
Tune Piano	5.00

Miscellaneous	3.42	
Lawrence L. Gurney, Clerk and Treasurer	25.00	
Janitors	207.00	
		\$724.00
Balance on hand January 1, 1950		
		\$77.04

INSURANCE AND REPAIR ACCOUNT

Balance on hand, January 1, 1949 \$3,050.00

Receipts:

Interest, North Easton Savings Bank	\$26.23	
Interest, People Savings Bank of Brockton	17.50	
Interest, Randolph Savings Bank	20.00	
Interest Received from income on Bonds and Stock held for Insurance and Repair account	1,188.00	
Sales of Bonds	3,000.00	
		\$7,302.02

Expenditures:

Miscellaneous	\$21.62	
Supplies	3.30	
Electric Wiring	65.40	
Insurance	213.33	
New Driveway	230.00	
		\$533.65

Balance on hand, January 1, 1950 \$6,768.37

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Selectment of Easton:

I submit my report as Director of the Veterans Service Department of Easton from May, 1949 to December, 1949.

During these months I had a total of 52 cases:

- 16 cases for Hospital Treatment
- 8 cases for Veterans Benefits
- 4 cases for G. I. Loans
- 3 cases for Insurance
- 1 dental case
- 4 cases filed for pensions
- 1 case for Government Marker
- 11 cases for Schooling and O. T. J. Training
- 4 cases for information on the G. I. Bill of Rights and its Law

My expenses for the year of 1949 from May 1949 to December 1949 were as follows:

Telephone Expense	\$33.55
Car Expense	27.10
Stationary and Stamps	3.12
One year sub. Vets. L.	15.00
I Book L. R. to Vets	1.00
Total	\$79.77

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Board for there assistance in helping with the duties of the Director of Veterans Services Department.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY T. REYNOLDS,

Director of Veterans' Services Department

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Easton:

The Board of Selectmen respectfully presents for your consideration the reports of the various Town Departments.

This year we felt it necessary not to participate in Chapter 90 Construction so we might put our highways in better shape, we are however, continuing Chapter 90 maintenance.

The work of widening Main Street will be started in the Spring, we were in hopes of doing it last Fall, but due to uncertain weather conditions at that time of year, it was decided to wait until Spring.

We are recommending that a new Police Cruiser Ambulance be purchased this year, and the Chevrolet be turned in as part payment.

In conclusion, we are pleased to say that we have received the whole hearted support of all Departments during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS R. MASON
ALBERT E. WOOD
DENIS C. BROPRY

Selectmen of Easton

AUDIT OF BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Corporations and Taxation

Division of Accounts

State House, Boston 33

March 25, 1949

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Lewis R. Mason, Chairman
Easton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Easton for the period from August 17, 1947 to September 25, 1948, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS X. LANG,

Director of Accounts

Mr. Francis X. Lang
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Easton for the period from August

17, 1947, the date of the previous examination, to September 25, 1948, and report thereon as follows:

The records of financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection were examined and checked.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were compared with the treasurer's books and with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town or committing bills for collection. The recorded payments were checked with the treasury warrants. The appropriations and transfers were checked with the town clerk's records of financial votes passed by town meeting and with the finance committee's authorizations of transfers from the reserve fund.

The general and appropriation ledgers were analyzed, a trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town on September 25, 1948 was prepared and is appended to this report.

It is again recommended that the salaries of elected officials be fixed annually by vote of the town, in accordance with the provisions of Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and checks with the accountant's books and with the records in the various departments collecting money for the town, as well as with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were compared with the approved warrants. The cash balance of September 25, 1948 was proved by verification of cash in the office, by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks in which town funds are deposited, and by examination of the savings bank book.

The reported payments on account of debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The securities and savings bank books representing the investments of the trust funds in the custody of the trustees,

the town treasurer, and the selectmen were examined, the income being proved and the transfers to the town being verified.

The records of tax titles held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts added to the tax title account were compared with the collector's records, the tax titles redeemed were checked with the receipts as recorded on the treasurer's cash book, and the tax titles on hand were listed and reconciled with the town accountant's books.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The tax accounts outstanding at the time of the previous audit and all subsequent commitments were audited and compared with the assessor's warrants for their collection. The cash books were footed, the recorded collections were checked with the payments to the treasurer as shown by the treasurer's and the town accountant's books, and the cash balance on September 25, 1948 was proved by actual count of the cash in the office and by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement received from the bank of deposit.

The recorded abatements were compared with the assessor's records of abatements granted, the taxes transferred to the tax title account were checked with the records of tax titles held by the town, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the town accountant's ledger.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The town clerk's records of financial votes passed by town meeting were examined and compared with the entries in the town accountant's ledger.

The recorded collections for licenses and fees of the selectmen and town clerk were examined, the payments to the town treasurer and the Division of Fisheries and Game being verified.

The surety bonds of the town officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of departmental accounts receivable were examined and checked. The reported payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's cash book, the abatements were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective ledger accounts.

The records of receipts of the sealer of weights and measures, and of the police and health departments, as well as of all other departments in which money was collected for the town, were examined and checked. The payments to the town treasurer were verified and the cash on hand in the several departments was proved by actual count.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's and tax collector's cash, summaries of the tax, tax title, and departmental accounts, as well as schedules showing the condition and transactions of the trust funds.

For the cooperation received from the several officials of the town during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts

SOLDIERS RELIEF AND VETERANS BENEFITS

To the Citizens of Easton:

We have through 1949, and will through 1950, continue to record any discharges that were, or will be, brought to this office.

The case load for this Department has increased considerably this year.

We submit to you a detailed financial, and case load report.

1.	\$200.00
2.	46.80
3.	100.00
4.	60.00
5.	63.00
6.	62.00
7.	450.00
8.	65.00

Total	\$1,046.80
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City of Brockton	20.00
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Total	\$1,066.80
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Appropriation	\$1,000.00
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From Reserve Fund	66.80
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\$1,066.80

Expended	1,066.80
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Respectfully submitted

VETERANS' BENEFITS

LEWIS R. MASON, Agent
 ALBERT E. WOOD,
 DENIS C. BROPHY

REPORT OF MATERNAL AND CHILD WELFARE NURSING SERVICE

To the Selectmen of Easton:

Again it is our pleasure to submit the annual report of the Maternal and Child Welfare Nursing Service for the residents of the Town of Easton.

We have had one call during the past year for assistance at a home delivery.

Four Well Baby Conferences were held during 1949. A total of 56 children were seen at these conferences. Dr. Clara Waldinger, pediatrician on the staff of the New England Hospital for Women and Children continues to be our attending physician. Any defects noted are referred to the family doctor. Any child below school age is welcome to attend these conferences.

Statistical Report

MATERNITY

Deliveries

	Cases	1 Visits
Antepartum	17	43
Postpartum	26	92
	43	135

CHILD WELFARE

New Born	25	95
Infant	35	152
Preschool	90	231
	150	478

EDUCATIONAL

Adult	5	36
Unclassified		53

Respectfully submitted,

CLARABEL A. POWELL, R.N.

Public Health Nurse

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

To the Selectment of the Town of Easton:

I submit the following report of the Highway Department for the year 1949:

The first three months of the year there was, as we all remember, a good and open winter, with little snow. A little sanding was done on slippery roads. The last month of the year we only had one snowstorm and some sanding was done.

Widening of all gravel roads was done with the grader, and the shoulders were smoothed off by the men. We did the usual spring cleaning of all the streets in town, and all corners on the outskirts. All gravel roads were graded and catch basins were cleaned out.

On North Main Street, a bad curve was made wider, thereby taking care of a dangerous stretch of road. Land necessary for the widening was given to the Town by Anthony McAna.

We fixed shoulders and widened the corner of Church and Depot Streets. Hauled gravel and filled in a ditch from Cross Street on Depot Street. A length of 1,000 feet widened out a culvert about 6 feet on Chestnut Street.

450 feet of Wilbur Street was widened to 30 feet and it was graveled and reshaped, rolled and surfaced with tarvia.

Allen Street—3200 feet was reshaped, rolled and surfaced with tarvia.

Prospect Street—200 feet was reshaped, rolled and surfaced with tarvia.

With the funds available in the Chapter 90 Maintenance Program, all guard rails and all posts were cleaned off with

a solution, and received two coats of paint. In all, 520 posts were taken care of. Tarvia was put on Massapoag Avenue. Highland Street and Foundry Street, on Route 123 which in all took 12,022 gallons.

The retreatment of the tar surfaced streets was as follows:

Full Length—Church Street, Sand Street, Turnpike Street, Allen Street, and King Avenue.

In part—Center Street, Depot Street, Purchase Street, Union Street, Elm Street, North Main Street, Canton Street, Bay Road, Rockland Street, and Barrows Street.

Repairs and retreatments used a total of 68,211 gallons of tarvia and 207 tons of bituminus concrete. Work of this nature in 1950 will require well over 70,000 gallons.

New Equipment—Two old snow plows were traded in for two reversible new Wausan plows. One heavy truck was bought and proved satisfactory in our work.

Many signs had to be replaced and put up. 53 cement posts were put up on Lincoln Street which has been a dangerous place in the winter.

The Department's equipment is in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL W. ERICKSON,

Superintendent of Streets

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Selectmen of Easton:

As Acting Chief of the Police Department, it is my responsibility to submit to you the following report of the activities of this department during the year 1949.

REPORT OF ARRESTS MADE DURING THE YEAR

Offense	Female	Male
Assault and Battery		5
Assault with a dangerous weapon		1
Assault and Battery on a Police Officer		1
Attaching M. V. Registration plates		1
Attempt to Rape		1
Arrested for other departments		4
Begetting		1
Breaking and Entering and Larceny (nt)		10
Delinquency		3
Drunkenness		16
Dumping Rubbish on a Public Way		2
Allowing an Improper Person to operate		1
Escaped from Institutions	4	12
Failing to Display Flares		1
Failing to Carry Flares		1
Fugitive from Justice		1
Insane	2	3
Larceny		2
Leaving scene of accident, Property Damage		1
Leaving scene of accident, Personal Injury		1
Neglect to Provide		4
Operating after Suspension of License		1
Operating Negligently	1	13
Operating under the Influence		4
Operating Uninsured Car		5
Operating Unregistered Car		5
Operating Without a License		6
Operating Without a License in Possession		2
Operating Without a Registration in Possession		2
Passing with View obstructed		15

Speeding		18
Stop Sign		2
Using a Car Without Authority		2
Total	7	147

ARRESTS MADE BY STATE POLICE

Offense	Female	Male
Drunkenness		2
Attaching Plates		1
Breaking and Entering and Larceny (nt)		2
Escaped Inmate	1	
Operating without license		1
Operating uninsured car		1
Operating unregistered car		1
Operating under the influence		2
Operating to endanger		2
Refusing to stop for Police Officer		1
Speeding		1
Total	1	15

Complaints	794
Investigations	805
Attempted breaks	2
Breaks in buildings	35
Bicycles stolen	4
Bicycles recovered	5
Fire calls answered	18
Doors unlocked	23
Messages delivered	51
Missing persons	22
Missing persons located	23
Summons served from Easton Police	25
Summons served for other Police Departments	53
Licenses suspended	47
Reports to Registry of Motor Vehicles (Warnings)	94
Revolver permits issued	39
Revolver permits issued (Police)	8
Property lost or stolen, Total value	\$4,917.00
Property recovered, Total value	\$4,225.00
Days in District Court	69
Days in Superior Court	16

Class 1 and 2 Dealers Motor Vehicles Sales Reports	249
Individual Transfer or Sales Reports	324
Total amount of fines	\$1,340.00
Total amount of Jail Sentences imposed	2 years, 10 months
Total Probation periods	7½ years

Patients removed to Hospitals in Police Ambulance:

Relief cases including accidents	36
Private cases	19
Total	55

TRAFFIC REPORT

Accidents involving personal injury	43
Persons injured	97
Persons fatally injured	7
Fatal accidents	7
Pedestrians involved in accidents	5
Pedestrians involved in fatal accidents	4
Accidents involving property damage	62
Bicycles involved in accidents	3

From the forgoing figures, it can readily be seen that the Police Department experienced another busy year.

Although seven persons lost their lives as a result of motor accidents on our highways in 1949, excessive speed was not a contributing factor in any one of these fatalities.

With both cruisers equipped with two way radio facilities, linked up with the police transmitter at Brockton, more efficient service has been possible. This radio equipment has already proved its usefulness to the department.

I have recommended the purchase of a new car to replace the Chevrolet cruiser.

In September Herbert S. Berglund was granted a leave of absence from his duties as Chief of the department.

In concluding this report I should like to express my personal thanks to the Selectmen of Easton and other town officials and especially to the local telephone operators for their co-operation and invaluable assistance in helping us to carry out our duties.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. PIERSON,
Acting Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, 1949

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I submit the following report of the activities of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1949.

Total Number of Calls	174
Building Fires	20
Chimney Fires	20
Brush, Grass and Dump Fires	99
Automobile and Truck Fires	8
Oil and Gasoline Flares	5
False and Unnecessary	5
Emergency	8
Aid Calls to Outside Towns	3
All Others	1

Permits Issued:

Fires in Open Air	428
Storage of Fuel and Range Oil	129
Transportation of Explosives	14
Bottled Gas	127

The department has had a very active year. The number of calls are the same as last year. Our Building fires show no increase but our brush fires were greatly increased. We had a very dry season and were unfortunate in our woodfires, with small fires at start and while these were being taken care of, fires were set ahead of us, and in very difficult places to reach. This was very costly to the Town and investigation by Chief and State officials of the Department of Conservation failed to place the responsibility of anyone although there were a number of boys under question. I trust that we will not have anymore of these type fires.

All apparatus at both North Easton and South Easton stations are at present in good condition except our Acme Forest Fire truck. This truck has been very costly to the Town to operate this year, and I feel that the time has come

when it should be replaced. I have an article in the Warrant asking that the Town replace this truck with a modern Forest Fire truck. This truck is a 1½ ton Ford Chasis, 152 inch wheelbase and all modern equipment. The main feature of the truck is a 600 gallon capacity tank for Water which will not only help at brush fires but will do a great deal of work at building fires in the outlying districts of the Town where there has been no water available to use at once. A truck of this type will certainly be an asset to the Fire Department and to the Town. The cost of this type truck, I am sure will not be too much of a burden on the tax payers.

The South Easton Company now has a full membership and we are receiving good response to the alarms. The only resignation during the year in this Company was that of Fred Olin, not finding time to answer alarms. In the North Easton Station there are some changes in this department. I regret the resignations of George Healey, Frank Mitrano, and William Flynn. George Healey moved away from town. Illness and long hours at the store is the reason of Frank Mitrano and illness of Lieutenant William Flynn. These boys are members that have been in the department for at least a period of twenty years and I have enjoyed working with them, and regret losing them. Flynn will remain as my Fire Alarm Superintendent. Appointments to fill the department roll will be made soon of men working in Town if possible.

Our fire alarm is in working condition although it is getting to an age where it will have to be closely watched. Our boxes need oiling and cleaning and we are planning on this when the weather becomes good. Considerable more trimming is also needed. A plan in which boxes will be tested often is in progress at this time. Plans are being made to extend fire alarm wires in South Easton to a location where alarms will be sent in a little faster, which I feel would be an asset to the people of South Easton.

Our General Electric Radio Frequency Modulation has carried on in fine manner this year with very little expense. I wish again to stress that this radio has proven a great asset to the efficiency of the department during the brush fire season. I have another receiver in the Automobile of Lieut. Field of the South Easton Company and I am in hopes of being able to obtain a transmitter to be with it, which would

be a big help to the Town connecting the North and South Easton Stations by radio.

At the North Easton Station we have our new Ramp which I think is a very decided improvement. Inside work will be needed in North Easton Station this year and some at the South Easton Station also.

Our new E. & J. Resuscitator and boat have proved valuable to the Town for which we are very grateful.

Fire Prevention Week was carried on as usual with Fire Drills and inspections of all School in Town. I wish again to extend my thanks to the School Authorities for there hearty cooperation.

I again extend my personal thanks to William Yaskonis, a member of our Department, for his time and efforts to make our Fire Station so beautiful at Christmas time.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, and all other Town departments and there members for there kind assistance given to me and this department during this year.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR W. BAILEY, Chief

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Selectmen of Easton:

I herewith submit this consolidated report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures of the Town of Easton for the year ending December 31, 1949.

	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed	Con-demned
Scales over 10,000	1	4		
Scales 5,000-10,000		2		
Scales 100-5,000		35	1	1
Scales under 100 lbs.	2	62		1
Avoirdupois weights		113		
Oil Trucks Metered	1	8		
Gasoline Pumps		55		
Kerosene Pumps		3		
Liquid Measures		18		
Grease Measuring devices		8		
Yard Sticks		2		

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. GUSTAFSON,

Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I submit my report as Dog Officer for the Town of Easton for the year ending December 31, 1949.

During the year there were 44 dogs picked up and held for six days and disposed of.

There were 15 cases of damage done by dogs to which I attended.

There were 11 dogs restrained for a period of 30 days for damage to human beings.

There were 14 dogs returned to owners whom had lost them.

During the year I investigated over 100 dog cases.

This year there were more kennel licenses than ever before in the Town.

There were also quite a number of dogs thrown out of automobiles on the State Highway and had to be disposed of.

I also wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Police Officers, Town Clerk and any one who helped me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS J. REARDON,

Dog Officer

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Board of Selectmen of Easton:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1949.

During the year the inspection of 443 cattle, 94 calves was made and the condition and cleanliness of the premises where they were kept.

There were 496 dairy cattle shipped into the Town of Easton from out of State. Ear tag numbers were checked and returned to the Divisions of Livestock Control.

Eight dogs were quarantined for dog bites.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CLINTON GOWARD,

Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH WORK

To the Selectmen of the Town of Easton:

I submit the following report of the Moth Department for the year 1949.

Only a small amount of creosote work was done, in some sections where spraying was not advisable.

A change was made in the method of spraying, using the blower machine and mist spray, enabling us to use a stronger solution. The results were not so good as hoped for. The effect of the spray was good for only about three weeks, and a second spray was applied in several sections.

Also the penetration in wooded areas was less than one hundred feet. This is not sufficient to hold the drift from the back areas. Large areas in Norton, Mansfield, Foxborough and Sharon were entirely defoliated, and a second spray was necessary in the adjoining Easton areas, to hold the caterpillars in check.

Two meetings were held at Segreganset by the State and County officials, to consider complete airplane spraying of Bristol County, but it was decided to spray only the south part this year. Easton and surrounding towns will have to take care of their own work.

Airplane spraying is being considered, but I have not decided as to its desirability. A return to the hydraulic machine, and a combination of D.D.T. and arsenate of lead would seem advisable. The Elm Leaf Beetle and kindered pests now come under the Moth Department, and a blower-type sprayer is desirable for much of this work.

I want again to impress upon the property owners the need for control of the Japanese Beetle. It is in nearly all

sections of the town, and unless controlled, very serious results may be expected, on fruits, flowers, vegetables and lawns, in fact almost anything green. Do not wait too long. If you desire information, contact your Moth Superintendent or someone who is familiar with control measures.

The amount that the State can require expended, is recommended for use of the department in 1950.

Appropriation	\$2,300.00
Expended	1,965.31
Recommended for 1950	2,377.00

For a detailed account of expenses, see the Town Accountant's report.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSCOE MELENDY,

Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Citizens of the Town of Easton:

I submit the following report of the work of the Tree Department for the year 1949.

Thorough trimming of the trees was done on about one-third of the streets in the town, and those on the remaining streets were gone over for dangerous dead and traffic limbs. Cavity work, bolting and bracing was done in many places. The lack of moisture caused serious results to many of the trees. The extent cannot be determined until this year.

A change was made in the work, in that men from a tree company were hired to do the work under my supervision. I was unable to obtain town men who were familiar with tree work.

Also from the same company a large blower-type sprayer was used for mist spraying. For Elm tree spraying, very good results were obtained, except that it was necessary to leave some Elms unsprayed, where they were beside pasture land or forage crops. The mist from this type sprayer drifts some distance in the open.

Thirty-one trees were removed during the year.

There were no bad wind or ice storms, and with a few exceptions, the trees are in very good condition, although some serious results may appear this year from the very dry summer of 1949.

A winch was purchased for the truck, and proved a good investment. Also, small sprayer for ivy spraying gave excellent results. As the ivy spraying progressed, it was found there was much more than anticipated, and only about one-half the area could be sprayed. Very good results were obtained, and only a few places will have to be gone over. To continue the

work this year, I recommend that \$500.00 be included in the appropriation.

The Dutch Elm Disease still remains unfound in Easton, either by the Government scouts or myself. As of October 24, 1949, there have been found 5503 infected trees, in 166 towns. Raynham is the nearest town, with seven. Quincy has 374. No new control has been found, although many are being tried.

I am again passing tree planting, as only three calls were received, and I believe it does not warrant an added appropriation at this time.

The spraying as in previous years was done in connection with the moth spraying, and if it is found advisable to use a plane for that spraying, it could be used on the street tree spraying as well.

For use of the department in 1950, including spraying, I recommend the sum of \$6,500.00.

Appropriated, 1949	\$7,500.00
Expended	7,461.83

For a detailed account of expenses, see the Town Accountant's report.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSCOE MELENDY,

Tree Warden

1949-1950 JURY LIST

Name	Street	Occupation
Anderson, Wendell C.,	Depot	Salesman
Andrews, Robert D.,	Randall	Poultryman
Badeau, Clifton W.,	Turnpike	Mechanic
Banis, Peter V.,	Church	Carpenter
Borgeson, Stanley F. V.,	Seaver	Mechanic
Bouletter, William J.,	Turnpike	Mechanic
Buckman, Frank W.,	Washington	Mechanic
Butts, Lyle M.,	Columbus Ave.	Contractor
Callahan, Eugene J.,	Center	Musician
Carlson, Roland W.,	Turnpike	Salesman
Carroll, Leo V.,	Howard	Farmer
Correia, Joseph M.,	Depot	Salesman
Craig, Donald F.,	N. Main	Chef
Cushman, Robert A.,	Highland	Machinist
Dailey, Cornelius P.,	Sheridan	Water Commissioner
Dardano, Joseph M.,	Turnpike	Gas Station Operator
Day, Robert E.,	24 Linden	Mechanic
Desmond, Daniel J.,	150 Main	Shovelworker
Doherty, James M.,	Seaver	Rubber Worker
Dunn, Arthur, Jr.,	Highland	Machinist
Durfee, Norman O.,	Poquanticut Ave.	Retired
Eliason, Henry W.,	21 Jenny Lind	Investigator
Eldridge, Charles A.,	Bay Road	Landscape
Erving, Russell M.,	Foundry	Bus Operator
Farnham, Ray T.,	Bay Road	Store Keeper
Ford, Edmund C.,	Hollis Road	Gas Station Operator
Fortune, Max,	Purchase	Salesman
Galvin, Joseph A.,	Williams	Salesman
Gifford, Merton E.,	Washington	Mechanic
Goward, Josiah C.,	Oakland Ave.	Meat Cutter
Gomes, Frank A.,	Washington	Farmer
Hagen, John J.,	Belmont	Shoe Worker
Hanson, George W.,	Main	Farmer
Harvey, Cornelius J. Jr.,	Main	Manager
Hatchfield, Robert W.,	Center	Salesman
Holmes, Ralph E.,	Central	Draftsman
Jones, Russell W.,	Center	Shovel Operator

Keach, John, Center	Clerk
Kent, Daniel J., 69 N. Main	Shoe Worker
Leary, Frank D., Depot	Engineer
Lanigan, John B., Pleasant	Chemical Worker
Linehan, Mark E., Lincoln	Investigator
Long, Thomas P., Main	Clerical
Lordan, William F., Pond	Painter
McAna, James, N. Main	Mechanic
McEvoy, Leo, Lincoln	Foreman
McFarland, William, Pond	Florist
Madeiros, John C., Mullen Road	Trucker
Maquire, John R., Canton	Decorator
Martin, Henry A., 45 Seaver	Salesman
Milano, Edward, Bay Road	Poultryman
Miller, Ivar G., Pine	Janitor
Mullen, James D., Pond	Contractor
Noyes, Paul E., Center	Machinist
O'Connell, William J., 50 Center	Shoe Worker
O'Neil, Jeremiah E., Lincoln	Rubber Worker
Oliff, Albert, Center	Poultry Farmer
Ottoson, Carl E., Main St., rear	Cement Worker
Parker, Frank A., Turnpike	Inspector
Peach, Harry E., Bay	Machinist
Pearson, George L., Sheridan	Clerk
Phillips, Austin C., South	Expressman
Phillips, Ivan G., Walnut	Machinist
Philbrick, Ralph E., High	Mechanic
Pollard, Russell A., Depot	Office Worker
Poole, Howard L., Foundry	Contractor
Randall, Frank J., Prospect	Truck Driver
Southworth, Richard H. Jr., Pine	Salesman
Sproul, Richard L., Depot	Salesman
Swanson, Martin L., Depot	Mechanic
Talbot, Bernard, Jr., Howard	Farmer
Trealeven, Pelham J., Seaver	Mechanic
Tuck, Guy F., 14 Oakland Ave.	Salesman
Walett, Harold R., Washington	Mechanic
Willis, Ellery C., Rockland	Farmer
Wilshire, Cecil V., Washington	Retired

LEWIS R. MASON
 ALBERT E. WOOD
 DENIS C. BROPHY,

Selectmen of Easton

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

In the year 1949 there were one hundred eighty cases of dangerous disease reported to the Board of Health, as follows: Chicken Pox, one hundred fourteen; Whooping Cough, thirty-one; Mumps, six; Measles, one; German Measles, one; Scarlet Fever, six; Lobar Pneumonia, six; Pulmonary Tuberculosis, two; Dog Bite, thirteen.

There were four deaths from reportable diseases; three of these were from Lobar Pneumonia, and one from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

The total number of death of Easton residents was eighty-three, a death rate of 14.5 per thousand, based on a population of 5723, the state census figures of the year 1945.

The number of births reported was one hundred twenty-one, a birth rate of 21.1 per thousand. Two of the births were in Easton, the rest in hospitals out of town.

Six sessions were held for the Diphtheria Immunization Clinic, and children of school and pre-school age were given inoculations and Shick testing. No case of Diphtheria was reported within the year.

The Board again provided for the services of a dental hygienist for the school children. The project is proving to be very satisfactory.

The care of patients suffering from Tuberculosis is always one of the heavy expenses of the department. In 1949 the cost was \$2,705.00.

Six patients were treated at the Bristol County Tuberculosis Hospital. One died, one left against advice, one was discharged with the disease apparently arrested, and three still remain at the hospital. We have one patient at the Lakeville Sanatorium, affected with Glanular Tuberculosis.

The rate at the Lakeville Sanatorium, which is a state institution, is \$21.00 per week. The rate at the Bristol County Hospital is \$10.50 per week. This, of course, does not cover the cost, and an assessment is levied each year on all the towns and cities in the county to cover the carrying charges. Easton's assessment in 1949 was \$6,093.46. This assessment must be paid, whether the town has any patients at the hospital or not. This is outside the Health appropriation.

We will receive reimbursement for the entire cost of two patients at the county hospital, as they have legal settlements in other towns. We will receive a subsidy from the State of \$5.00 per week on the other patients there.

The Board has requested a community chest X-ray survey in Easton. The larger towns and cities have been placed first on the list, but Easton is on the list for a survey at a later date.

Collection of garbage and rubbish is being continued, and is now on a satisfactory basis.

Licenses issued by the board in effect in 1949 were as follows: Milk licenses and permits, one hundred forty-three; Oleomargarine licenses, fourteen; Pasteurization licenses, two; Slaughtering license, one; Trailer Camp license, one; Manicure and Massage licenses, eight; Garabage Collectors' licenses, five.*

There were fifty-seven burial permits issued.

*Non-alcoholic beverage manufacturing license, one.

We append the reports of the Milk Inspector, the Inspector of Slaughtering, and the report on the Diphtheria Immunization Clinic.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB BRENNER,
CLYDE A. CRAIG,
CORA M. HENNIGAR

Board of Health

REPORT OF DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

To the Board of Health of Easton:

At the Diphtheria Immunization Clinic held in 1949, one hundred and thirty-three children received Shick tests. One hundred and twelve were negative and twenty-one positive.

Diphtheria Toxoid treatments were given to eighty children. Of these, sixty-eight received three treatments, five were treated twice, and seven received one treatment.

Booster doses were given to one hundred and thirty children.

Yours truly,

JACOB BRENNER, M.D.

REPORT OF THE MILK INSPECTOR

Dr. Jacob Brenner, Chairman
Board of Health of Easton

Dear Sir:

The following is the report of the Inspector of Milk for the year 1949, this being the twenty-seventh in a series of annual reports by me.

During the year, 108 samples of milk were collected from local and out of town dealers who sell milk in Easton. These samples were tested for the percentage of butterfat, solids not fat, total solids, sediment, and plated for bacterial counts.

The farms on which this milk was produced were also inspected and the herd, barn, milkroom and utensils checked.

Licenses issued to stores for sale of oleomargarine numbered 15, milk licenses issued for vehicles numbered 16, and store licenses for the sale of milk and cream numbered 31.

Analysis of milk samples has revealed that milk sold in Easton is of high quality.

Producers and dealers have co-operated fully to insure low bacterial counts and clean handling of milk. Fat content has been better than average and no samples were found to be under the legal requirement during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO J. FITZPATRICK,

Milk Inspector

REPORT OF SLAUGHTERING INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health of Easton:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1949.

During the year I have inspected and passed two hundred eighty-three carcasses of beef, two hundred twenty-one calves, thirty-nine hogs, and four sheep.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CLINTON GOWARD,

January 8, 1950.

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of Easton:

The following is a detailed report of the temporary aid granted during the year:

GENERAL RELIEF

Total Cases for year 1949	20
Cases closed during year	5
Cases open end of year	15

WELFARE COSTS

	Cases	Amount
Cases residing in Easton	11	\$2,236.87
Cases residing other cities and Towns	9	4,675.31
Total Relief granted	20	\$6,912.18
Agent's Salary	\$675.00	
Telephone and Tolls	50.74	
Burials	140.00	
Other	21.82	
Total Administration Expense		887.56
Total		\$7,799.74

SUMMARY

Appropriation and Transfer	\$7,850.00
Expended	7,799.74
Unexpended Balance	\$ 50.26

WELFARE RECEIPTS

Cities and Towns	\$ 659.74
State	1,008.53
Total	\$1,668.27

SUMMARY

Appropriation	\$7,850.00
Welfare Total Costs	7,799.74
Unexpended Balance	\$ 50.26
Receipts	\$1,668.27
Unexpended balance and Receipts to General Fund	\$1,718.53

Purchase as follows have been made from merchants at the choice of the recipients:

Enterprise Stores	\$ 8.98
John O. Dean Co. Inc.	26.10
Wm. T. Knapp & Sons	190.59
McCarthy Coal Co.	70.60
South Easton Public Market	309.79
First National Stores	716.00
Brant Rock Pharmacy	64.16
O'Connors Pharmacy	1.75
J. E. Howard & Son	23.88
Model Shoe Store	17.00
Jay's Stores Inc.	15.00
Easton Pharmacy	22.66
C. A. Kimball	229.38
	\$1,695.89

Respectfully submitted,

DENIS C. BROPHY, Chairman

ALBERT E. WOOD

LEWIS R. MASON

MARGARET E. HARVEY, Agent

REPORT OF AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

To the Citizens of Easton:

The following is a case load and financial accounting for this type of assistance.

	Cases	Children
January 1, 1949	12	25
Added during year	7	25
	—	—
Total	19	50
Closed during year	2	8
	—	—
	17	42

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN EXPENDITURES

Cases	Children	
19	50	\$19,978.92

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN RECEIPTS

Federal Grant Balance, January 1, 1949	\$ 1,407.25
Federal Grants received during 1949	5,467.03
State Grants received during 1949	4,512.53
	—
Total Receipts	\$11,386.81

SUMMARY

Appropriation for 1949	\$16,000.00
Federal Balance, January 1, 1949	1,407.25
Federal Grants for 1949	5,467.03
State Grants for 1949	4,512.53
	—
	\$27,386.81

Paid to Recipients		19,978.92
		\$7,407.89
Unexpended Town Appropriation	\$ 10.76	
State Grants	4,512.53	
Transferred to General Fund		4,523.29
Federal Balance on hand December 31, 1949		\$2,884.60

Respectfully submitted,

DENIS C. BROPHY, Chairman

ALBERT E. WOOD,

LEWIS R. MASON

MARGARET E. HARVEY, Agent

REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

To the Citizens of Easton:

The following statement sets forth particulars concerning case load, receipts and expenditures.

There was a further increase due to monthly Leisure Time Activities, which became effective on December 1, 1949.

We are submitting a statement to show how your money was spent.

Applications received during 1949	31
Old Age Assistance granted	31
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Applications denied	0
Old Age Assistance Cases active January 1, 1949	152
Old Age Assistance Cases added during year	31
Old Age Assistance Cases, Easton settled	
Residing Other Cities and Towns	12
	—
Total Old Age Assistance Cases for 1949	195
Total Old Age Assistance Cases closed during year	21
	—
Total Old Age Assistance Cases open end of year	174

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES

Direct Payments to Recipients	\$104,369.77
Indirect Payments: Burials etc.	2,435.71
Paid Other Cities and Towns	1,203.69
Agent's Salary	1,305.00
	—
Total Cost	\$109,314.17

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE RECEIPTS

Federal Grant Balance on hand January 1, 1949	\$22,759.19
Federal Grant received during 1949	50,019.18
State Grant received during 1949	38,964.60
Other Cities and Towns	1,545.22
Meal Tax	2,501.33

Total Receipts	\$115,789.52
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SUMMARY

Appropriation for 1949	\$ 66,340.00
Federal Grant Balance January 1, 1949	22,759.19
Federal Grant received during 1949	50,019.18
State Grant received during 1949	38,964.60
Other Cities and Towns	1,545.22
Meal Tax	2,501.33

\$182,129.52

Total Costs	\$109,314.17
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\$ 72,815.35

Unexpended Town Appropriation	\$ 2,036.80
Cities and Town	1,545.22
State Grants	38,964.60
Meal Tax	2,501.33

Transferred to General Fund	\$45,047.95
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Federal Grant Balance on hand December 31, 1949	27,767.40
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Following is a list of Physicians who attended O.A.A. recipients.

Dr. Brenner	\$ 563.00
Dr. Del Colliano	218.00
Dr. Gray (6 months)	234.00
Dr. Jacoubs	951.00
Dr. Porter	525.00
Dr. Stevenson (6 months)	559.00
Podiatrist	26.00
Other	309.00

\$3,385.00

Town Physician

Dr. Gray (139 calls)	\$ 399.98
Dr. Stevenson	400.02
	\$4,185.00

Respectfully submitted,

DENIS C. BROPHY, Chairman

ALBERT E. WOOD

LEWIS R. MASON

MARGARET E. HARVEY, Agent

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

I hereby submit my report of the financial transactions of the Town of Easton for the year ending December 31, 1949.

JOHN I. LOWNDES,

Town Accountant

Town Officers' Salaries

Appropriation March 7, 1949	\$7,365.00
Selectmen	\$1,300.00
Board of Public Welfare	1,600.00
Board of Health	600.00
Assessors	1,400.00
Town Clerk	800.00
Tax Collector	1,060.00
Town Treasurer	580.00
Moderator	25.00
	7,365.00
Unexpended Balance	.00

Town Office

Appropriation March 7, 1949	\$1,500.00
Rent	\$960.00
Light	100.67
Supplies	87.88
Janitor Service	300.00
Insurance	9.52
All Other	1.75
	1,459.82
Unexpended Balance	\$40.18

Selectmen's Expense

Appropriation March 7, 1949	\$300.00	
From Reserve	5.75	
		\$305.75
Books		\$23.08
Stationery, Printing, Postage	11.00	
Transportation, Meals, etc.	195.00	
All other, including telephone	76.67	
		305.75
Unexpended Balance		.00

Town Accountant's Salary

Appropriation March 7, 1949	\$800.00
John I. Lowndes	800.00
Unexpended Balance	.00

Town Accountant's Expense

Appropriation March 7, 1949	\$100.00
Printing, Stationery and Postage	\$31.18
Clerical help	43.10
All other	3.45
	77.73
Unexpended Balance	\$22.27

Town Treasurer's Expense

Appropriation, March 7, 1949	\$1,000.00
From Reserve	337.05
	\$1,337.05
Assistant	\$450.00
Surety Bonds	177.50
Printing, Stationery and Postage	153.29

Tax Possession expense	495.62	
All other	60.64	
		1,337.05
Unexpended Balance		.00

Tax Collector's Expense

Appropriation March 7, 1949		\$1,750.00
Assistant	\$850.00	
Surety Bonds	306.25	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	449.79	
All other	142.88	
		1,748.92
Unexpended Balance		\$1.08

Assessor's Expense

Appropriation, March 7, 1949		\$950.00
Clerk	\$500.00	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	205.30	
Carfares, auto hire, etc.	65.00	
All other	167.48	
		937.78
Unexpended Balance		\$12.22

Legal Services

Appropriation, March 7, 1949		800.00
Richard J. Hatchfield		800.00
Unexpended Balance		\$.00

Town Clerk's Expenses

Appropriation March 7, 1949		\$700.00
Assistant	550.00	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	46.04	

Surety Bond	5.00	
All other	98.96	
		700.00
Unexpended Balance		\$.00

Election Expense

Appropriation, March 7, 1949		\$600.00
Election Officers	\$365.50	
Police at Polls	30.00	
Janitors	24.00	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	115.25	
Supplies and all other	54.77	
		589.52
Unexpended Balance		\$10.48

Registration Expense

Appropriation, March 7, 1949		\$500.00
Labor and Transportation	\$236.38	
Printing, Stationery and postage	55.17	
All other	12.24	
		303.79
Unexpended Balance		\$196.21

Registrars Salaries

Appropriation, March 7, 1949		\$225.00
John J. Galvin	\$75.00	
Sigfred V. Ledin	75.00	
		150.00
Unexpended Balance		\$75.00

Police Department

Appropriation, March 7, 1949		\$13,610.00
Herbert S. Berglund, Chief	\$2,424.00	
Herbert S. Berglund, Keeper of Lock up	70.80	

George A. Pierson, Acting Chief	958.50	
George A. Pierson, Patrolman	2,087.22	
George A. Pierson, keeper of lock up	29.20	
Joel A. Johnson	2,662.50	
Carl A. Palm	2,662.50	
Ernest B. Weir	491.40	
Gas & Oil	716.30	
Auto repairs	248.43	
Telephone	277.83	
New Equipment	142.08	
Repairs	45.72	
Fuel & Light	257.67	
Buildings & Grounds	126.51	
Insurance	133.65	
All Other	265.15	
		13,599.46

Unexpended Balance		\$10.54
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Police Car

Appropriations, March 7, 1949	\$2,000.00
Mahoney & Fay Inc.	1,721.90
Unexpended Balance	\$278.10

Fire Department

Appropriation, March 7, 1949	\$12,253.00	
From Reserve Fund	700.16	
		\$12,953.16
Arthur W. Bailey, Chief	775.00	
Harland Almquist	63.75	
George Anderson	18.75	
Harold E. Anderson	205.14	
Norman Anderson	1.50	
Forrest Bailey	215.63	
Harold Bailey	27.38	
Daniel J. Barrett	171.38	
Henry J. Baxter	168.75	
Richard Bissett	3.38	

Stanley Bowden	4.50
Raymond M. Buck	378.76
Clarence Cogswell	1.13
Vincent Cogswell	22.50
Frederick Cook	4.50
Joseph M. Correia	195.38
Robert E. Day	190.76
George C. Field	249.13
William L. Flynn	322.75
George Fuller	4.50
Joseph Fuller	156.14
Wm. M. Furlong	242.88
Louis J. Gomes	192.38
Arnold Gustafson	17.63
William Harrison	5.25
G. Frank Heal	213.00
George Healey	39.00
Duncan Henderson	22.88
James Hewitt	186.63
C. Dwight Hill	277.14
Eugene Horton	2.63
Alfred Jermolovich	191.26
Joseph H. Kelly	267.76
Ronald King	2.63
David Leary	3.38
Paul Legge	4.88
Wm. F. Lordan	170.26
Edward J. Lyons	186.38
John R. Maquire	204.76
Richard T. Maliff	225.63
Anthony Martin	4.13
Wallace McCann	174.26
Kenneth McLeod	36.76
Andrew Miller, Jr.	3.38
Robert Mitchell	239.50
Frank J. Mitrano	175.75
Roger Nichols	77.38
Stephen Nolan	60.00
Fred E. Olin	107.13
Patrick Regan	3.38
Olie Russell	4.50
Manuel J. Santos	207.76
Fred Shaw	12.00
Robert Smith	4.50

Robert C. Standley	2.63
George W. Stone	261.81
Alvin C. Straight	286.88
Albin A. Swanson	189.01
Arthur H. Tufts	187.51
Ralph F. Tufts	166.50
Clyde Vittum	12.38
George Wilbur	2.63
Vernon E. Willis	187.88
William A. Yaskonis	278.33
Fire Alarm Maintenance	173.89
Allowance for Car	198.00
Supplies	878.46
Gasoline & Oil	397.17
Repairs	846.56
Fuel	758.01
Light	297.69
Repairs, Building, and Grounds	247.45
Stationery, Printing, and Postage	36.00
Telephone	361.79
Insurance	287.21
All other	87.15

12,892.44

Unexpended Balance

\$60.72
Sealer of Weights and Measurers

Appropriation, March 7, 1949	\$300.00
John A. Gustafson	\$279.04
Insurance	15.22
Equipment	5.74

300.00

Unexpended Balance

\$.00
Dog Officer

Appropriation, March 7, 1949	\$200.00
Francis J. Reardon	200.00

Unexpended Balance

\$.00

Moth Department

Appropriation, March 7, 1949	\$2,300.00
Roscoe W. Melendy	\$358.80
Hixon Tree Co.	1,380.00
Gas and Oil	4.85
All other including insurance	225.91
	1,969.56
Unexpended Balance	\$330.44

Tree Department

Appropriation, March 7, 1949	\$7,500.00
Roscoe W. Melendy	\$1,424.80
Stanley Jones	13.20
Norman Mitchell	8.80
Fred Thomas	1.10
Hixon Tree Co.	3,937.69
Gas and Oil	95.88
Equipment and Insecticides	1,360.38
All other including Insurance	628.66
	7,470.51
Unexpended Balance	\$29.49

Salary of Forest Warden

Appropriation, March 7, 1949	\$300.00
Arthur W. Bailey	300.00
Unexpended Balance	\$.00

Inspection of Animals

Appropriation March 7, 1949	\$300.00
J. Clinton Goward	300.00
Unexpended Balance	.00

Land for Town Dump

Balance January 1, 1949	\$400.00
Closed to Excess and Deficiency	400.00
Unexpended Balance	.00

Rubbish Collection

Appropriation March 7, 1949	\$3,000.00
Paid Carlino Bros.	2,775.00
Unexpended Balance	\$225.00

Health Department

Appropriation, March 7, 1949	\$7,000.00
Services of Clerk	\$250.00
Administration Expenses	125.68
Tuberculosis Board and Treatment	2,694.00
Birth and Death Returns	13.75
Quarantine and Contagious Diseases	149.50
Collector of Garbage	2,100.00
Services of Dental Hygenist in school	360.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	332.10
Inspector of Milk	175.00
Supplies for Milk Inspector	29.42
All other	54.00
School children, diphtheria clinic and Transportation	189.04
	6,472.49
Unexpended Balance	\$527.51

Highway Department

Appropriation, March 7, 1949	\$30,000.00
Balance, January 1, 1949, Ames Highway Fund	260.39
Income 1949, Ames Highway Fund	24,081.38
Check Redeposited	2,575.00
	\$56,916.77

Transfer for Truck Purchase	\$2,500.00
Transfer for Chapter 90, Maintenance	1,500.00

Available Funds

\$52,916.77

Carl W. Erickson	2,825.90
Francis P. Brophy	1,926.00
Thomas C. Brophy	1,964.92
Roy J. Daniels, Jr.	1,175.50
Robert L. Drake, Jr.	2,186.17
Stanley B. Jones	590.00
John W. Lewis	1,924.75
William H. Litchfield	1,926.50
William F. Lordan	1,042.50
Winslow P. MacDonald	1,911.00
Henry J. Scriven	442.00
Albert S. Smith	1,897.00
Chester E. Styren	1,924.00
Vernon E. Willis	1,886.25
Edward J. McKenna	448.00
Ellie A. Gibbs	160.00
Administration Expenses	70.55
Gas & Oil	1,267.72
Stone, Gravel, Sand etc.	270.80
Maintenance & Repairs	2,456.00
Insurance	1,635.63
Machine Equipment	1,037.50
Cement, Lumber, Culverts etc.	829.11
Tarvia	9,929.89
Fuel Oil, Kerosene	411.31
Road Equipment	288.70
Roadside Brush	397.00
Snow & Ice Removal—Gas & Oil	33.91
Snow & Ice Removal—Equipment & Repairs	579.91
Snow & Ice Removal—Horses & Trucks	575.00
Snow & Ice Removal—Salt, Sand, all other	504.16
Equipment Hire	1,840.70
Lighting—Barn & Garage	73.00
Lighting—Traffic	325.88
Street Printing and Painting Street Signs	125.12
All other including Rent, Water etc.	797.77

47,680.15

Balance Ames Highway Fund Income carried forward to January 1, 1950	\$5,236.62
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Main St. Land Purchase

Transferred from Sale of Real Estate Account	\$2,300.00
Expended	21.50
Balance January 1, 1950	\$2,278.50

Main Street Widening

Transferred from Sale of Real Estate	\$4,777.00
Transferred from Excess and Deficiency	9,923.00
	\$14,700.00
Expended	.00
	\$14,700.00

Chapter 90 Maintenance

Transferred from Highway Funds	\$1,500.00
Received from Commonwealth of Mass.	1,500.00
Received from County of Bristol	1,500.00
Available Funds	\$4,500.00
Francis P. Brophy	\$144.00
Thomas C. Brophy	142.80
Roy J. Daniels, Jr.	64.00
Robert L. Drake, Jr.	157.60
John W. Lewis	144.00
William H. Litchfield	144.00
William F. Lordan	32.00
Winslow C. MacDonald	144.00
Albert S. Smith	144.00
Chester E. Styren	144.00
Vernon E. Willis	136.00
Materials	2,148.80
Road Machinery Fund	954.80
	4,500.00
Balance	.00

Poquanticut Ave. Survey

Balance, January 1, 1949	\$100.00
Expended	.00
Balance January 1, 1950	\$100.00

Wilbur Street

Appropriation, March 7, 1949	\$1,500.00
Carl W. Erickson	\$86.10
Francis P. Brophy	61.50
Thomas C. Brophy	64.58
Roy J. Daniels, Jr.	57.50
Robert L. Drake, Jr.	79.70
John W. Lewis	61.50
William H. Litchfield	61.50
William F. Lordan	56.00
Winslow P. MacDonald	61.50
Albert S. Smith	61.50
Chester E. Styren	60.00
Vernon E. Willis	61.50
Materials and Equipment	626.87
	1,399.75
Closed to Excess and Deficiency Fund	\$100.25

Highway New Truck Purchase

From Ames Highway Fund	\$2,500.00
Paid McCarthy Equipment Co.	2,500.00
Balance	\$.00

Public Welfare

Appropriation, March 7, 1949	\$7,000.00
From Reserve Fund	850.00
Amount Expended	7,799.74
Unexpended Balance	\$50.26

Old Assistance—Town Funds

Appropriation, March 7, 1949	\$66,340.00
Amount Expended	64,303.20
	\$2,036.80

Old Age Assistance Federal Funds

Balance, January 1, 1949	\$22,759.19	
Federal Grants	49,975.01	
Available Funds		\$72,734.20
Amount expended		44,966.80
		\$27,767.40

Old Age Assistance Administration Town Funds

Appropriation, March 7, 1949	\$300.00
Stamped Envelopes	214.96
	\$85.04

Old Age Assistance Administration Federal Funds

Balance, January 1, 1949	\$2,962.35	
Federal Grants	2,953.59	
Available funds		\$5,915.94
Social Worker	1,732.50	
Agent	660.00	
Social Service Index	15.50	
Servicing Typewriter	26.40	
Supplies	129.60	
		2,564.00
		\$3,351.94

Aid To Dependent Children Town Funds

Appropriation, March 7, 1949	\$16,000.00
Amount expended	15,989.24
Unexpended Balance	\$10.76

Aid To Dependent Children Federal Funds

Balance, January 1, 1949	\$1,407.25
Federal Grants	5,467.03
	6,874.28
Expended	3,989.68
Balance January 1, 1950	\$2,884.60

Aid to Dependent Children Town Funds

Appropriation, March 7, 1949	\$100.00
Postage	25.00
Unexpended Balance	\$75.00

Aid to Dependent Children Administration**Federal Funds**

Balance, January 1, 1949	\$164.36
Federal Grants	443.57
Available Funds	\$607.93
Social Worker	247.50
Balance January 1, 1950	\$360.43

Town Physician

Appropriation, March 7, 1949	\$800.00
Dr. Willis M. Stevenson	\$400.02
Dr. Gerald F. Gray	399.98
	800.00
Unexpended Balance	.00

Child Welfare and Pre School Nursing

Appropriation, March 7, 1949		\$600.00
Ellen A. Atwood	\$300.00	
Clarabel A. Powell	300.00	
		600.00
Unexpended Balance		.00

Soldiers' Relief

Appropriation, March 7, 1949	\$1,000.00	
From Reserve	66.80	
		\$1,066.80
Unexpended Balance		.00

Finance Committee Expense

Appropriation March 7, 1949		\$75.00
Finance Reports	\$14.75	
Association Dues	10.00	
Myron F. Williams, Secretary	50.00	
		74.75
Unexpended Balance		.25

Incidentals

Appropriation, March 7, 1949		\$100.00
Advertising on bids	22.50	
Traffic Survey	32.00	
		54.50
Unexpended Balance		\$45.50

Memorial and Armistice Day

Appropriation, March 7, 1949		\$500.00
Wreaths	\$33.00	
Music	125.00	

Flags and Markers	77.68	
Transportation	75.00	
All other	110.45	
		421.13
		\$78.87

Town Reports

Appropriation, March 7, 1949		\$936.05
Advertising on bids	\$13.50	
Printing and binding	858.55	
Delivery	64.00	
		936.05
Unexpended Balance		\$0.00

Cemeteries and Grass Plots

Appropriation, March 7, 1949	\$400.00	
Insurance credit	.66	
Cemetery Trust Fund		
Income Balance January 1, 1949	212.78	
Cemetery Trust fund income 1949	413.61	
		\$1,027.05
Ralph Tufts	115.00	
Fred Tufts	118.98	
Tony Freitas	121.78	
Kenneth Gill	17.15	
Leo Kent	131.50	
Harry Lothrop	4.00	
Wallace McCann	127.00	
Joseph Correia	1.50	
William Furlong	1.50	
Louis Gomes	1.50	
Frank Heal	1.50	
C. Dwight Hill	1.50	
Robert Mitchell	1.50	
Fred Olín	1.50	
Alvin Straight	1.50	
Albin Swanson	1.50	

Vernon Willis	1.50
Equipment and Repairs	35.50
Insurance	25.51
All other	27.77
Gas and Oil	45.47

Special Payments from cemetery funds to:

South Easton Cemetery Corporation	7.54
Pine Grove Cemetery Corporation	47.29
Immaculate Conception Cemetery	5.02
Furnace Village Cemetery	52.51

 897.02

Cemetery Fund Income Balance

 carried forward to January 1, 1950 \$130.03
Interest on Notes

Appropriation, March 7, 1949	\$300.00
Amount expended	174.72
Unexpended Balance	\$125.28

Reserve Fund

Appropriataion, March 7, 1949	\$3,000.00
Transferred to Fire Department	700.16
Transferred to Welfare Department	850.00
Transferred to Treasurer's Expense	337.05
Transferred to Soldiers Relief	66.80
Transferred to Selectmen's Expense	5.75
	1,959.76

 Balance transferred to Overlay Reserve \$1,040.24
School Department

Appropriation, March 7, 1949 \$176,596.24

Oliver Ames School Fund

Balance January 1, 1949	\$8.51
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Received during 1949	19,447.40
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	19,455.91
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Less Bond application	7,818.75
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	11,637.16
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Receipts from Oakes Ames Fund	3,513.74
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Available Funds	\$191,747.14
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Teachers' Salaries:

Gilbert C. Mann, Supt.	4,666.67
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Roger L. Warner	1,400.00
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Vernon A. Schnare	1,166.67
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John R. Byrne	833.36
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Veronica E. Carter	2,565.53
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Margaret G. Connolly	2,566.64
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Margaret E. Dinneen	2,534.14
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E. Elizabeth Donahue	2,631.11
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Evelyn G. Foster	2,792.24
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James C. Galt	2,804.45
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Percy J. Griswold	900.00
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Kathryn E. Healey	1,826.34
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Robert D. King	1,000.00
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Adelaide W. Johnson	2,161.74
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Pauline R. Lyons	2,651.22
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Charles E. MacLeod	1,627.30
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John C. Mason	3,262.20
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Barbara Nickerson	2,765.56
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Herbert J. Rollins	2,657.82
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Shirley Tufts	866.67
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William A. Vellante	1,000.00
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Thomas A. White	3,016.67
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Johanna G. McFadden	2,852.41
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Elva Bailey	758.31
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Mary M. Buckley	2,358.31
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Raylene B. Carlson	2,358.31
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Catherine Q. Dineen	2,314.47
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Viola M. Geddes	2,358.31
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Olive H. Gurney	2,358.31
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Mary V. Harvey	2,348.34
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Gertrude B. Hawkes	2,195.83
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Helen R. Higgins	758.31
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Doris W. Leach	1,130.32
Grace P. Mills	2,358.31
Jeanette P. Smith	2,358.31
Eleanor M. Biechele	2,424.04
Lenore A. Rohdin	2,358.31
Margaret M. Walsh	2,004.17
Florence H. O'Leary	924.15
Elizabeth M. Garrity	758.31
Priscilla H. Leighton	2,358.31
Esther J. Heath	2,397.50
Anna A. Gilmore	2,350.00
Edith V. Goff	2,335.58
Helen A. Koroskys	2,454.14
Rinehart Functional Handwriting System	360.00
Elouise S. Carlson	286.00
Mrs. James C. Galt	48.00
Beatrice Hollis	701.00
Velma Johnson	129.00
Fred Jones	34.70
John I. Lowndes	96.00
Leo Paananen	50.90
Myron Thomas	40.50
Dorothy Tufts	674.56
Mrs. Clifford H. Wheeler	266.00
John F. Aldrich	2,064.42
Pauline E. Buck	1,352.22
Gilman H. Campbell	2,278.89
Marietta Canan	1,792.24
Esther A. De Avellar	1,730.03
Lucille L. Marvill	1,731.14
Leon A. Regan	2,333.36
Clarence O. Richardson	1,783.32
Gladys T. Wry	1,666.64

113,987.61

Oakes Ames Payroll:

Gilbert C. Mann	\$200.00
Doris W. Leach	1,284.28
Charles E. MacLeod	1,272.00
Pauline E. Buck	150.00
Shirley Tufts	100.00

3,006.28

Janitors' Wages:

Alfred H. Dahlborg	2,492.33
Charles A. Malloy	2,290.39
Hjalmer E. Johnson	2,433.33
Alton E. Alger	1,333.32
Ivar G. Miller	666.67
Everett A. Dunn	1,075.00
Carrie M. Smith	600.00
Willis G. Buck	600.00
Clifton C. Ripley	866.64
Edward M. Williams	133.34
Werner Anderson	62.30
Mason Harvey	42.30
Robert Johnson	40.60
David Robinson	139.34

 12,775.56

John A. Gustafson, Maintenance	\$2,125.00
Grace M. Murch, School Nurse	2,700.00
Jacob M. Brenner, Physician	1,000.00
Elizabeth M. Slavin, Clerk	1,833.33
Doris Treleaven, Clerk	5.00
Alfred H. Dahlborg, Supt. of Attendance	110.00
Office Expense	426.90
Telephone	158.66
Superintendent's Travelling Expense	309.00
Text Books	2,707.73
Supplies, Instructional	4,911.89
Supplies, Athletic	998.74
Fuel	7,367.07
Janitor's supplies	1,411.23
Water	289.96
Electricity	1,777.82
Miscellaneous School Plant	404.33
Repairs	4,687.94
Furniture and Furnishings	1,748.51
Library	140.75
Transportation of Nurse	300.00
Health Supplies	58.38
Transportation	14,400.76
Tuition—Trade School	1,178.85
General Expense, Sundries	508.88
Graduation	189.99
Insurance	3,461.48

Permanent Improvement	1,661.60	
New Equipment	5,084.76	
Total Expended		\$191,728.01
Balance Ames School Fund January 1, 1950		\$19.13

Land for School Purposes (1)

Appropriation, March 7, 1949	\$600.00	
Expended	600.00	
		\$.00

Land for School Purposes (2)

Transferred from Excess and Deficiency Account	\$1,000.00	
Expended	.00	
Balance, January 1, 1950		\$1,000.00

DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE**Aid to Dependent Children**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$4,512.53
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Fire Department

Refund	\$.62
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Health Department

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$307.85	
Trailer Camp Licenses	3.00	
Slaughtering Licenses	25.00	
Pasteurization Licenses	20.00	
Milk Licenses	23.50	
Oleomargine Licenses	7.00	
Beverage License—Simpson Spring Co.	20.00	
		\$406.35

Highway Department

Labor, Materials, and Machine hire \$194.46

Incidental

Licenses	\$3,390.00	
Sales of History of Easton	50.00	
		\$3,440.00

Old Age Assistance

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$38,964.60	
City of Boston	503.81	
City of Brockton	889.85	
Town of Andover	63.13	
Town of Weston	12.23	
Town of Whitinsville	76.20	
		\$40,509.82

Public Welfare

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$1,008.50	
City of Brockton	524.34	
Town of Scituate	50.00	
Town of West Bridgewater	85.40	
Sundry	63.58	
		\$1,731.82

Police Department

First District Court of Bristol County		
Fines	\$150.10	
Revolver Permits	19.50	
Ambulance Hire	140.50	
Insurance Adjustments	.41	
		310.51

Registrars of Voters

Sale of Voting List	2.00
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School Department

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$9,244.20	
Norman Cogswell—Tuition	27.90	
H. A. Richards—Tuition	143.91	
Town of Stoughton	279.30	
Town of Sharon	1,032.35	
Rental of Hall	234.00	
Supplies sold, etc.	93.67	
		11,055.33

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Fees	189.30
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Tree Department

Labor — Materials	43.10
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Tax Collector

Fees	\$611.85	
Statements of Tax Lien	6.00	
		617.85

Town Clerk

Fees	1,229.65
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Veterans Benefits

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	401.00
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DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**Police Department**

Sundry Persons—Ambulance Hire	\$175.00
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Health Department

Sundry Persons	59.00
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Highway Department

Sundry Persons—Labor Materials	240.30
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Welfare Department

City of Boston	\$1,912.06
Town of Princeton	168.00

2,080.06**A.D.C. State**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	2,691.86
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O.A.A. Cities—Towns

City of Boston	\$357.06
Town of Arlington	18.72
Town of Whitinsville	67.17

442.95**School Department**

Tuition Bills	\$228.65
Rent of Hall	9.00

237.65

TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE \$5926.82

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN I. LOWNDES,

Town Accountant

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash:		County Tax	\$257.12
General	\$139,421.13	Dog Licenses	3.60
Special	14,331.53	Road Machinery Fund	5,616.12
		Playground Fund	14,331.53
		Ames Highway Fund	5,236.67
	\$153,752.66	Poquanticut Ave. Survey	100.00
Accounts Receivable:		Main St. Land Purchase	2,278.50
Town Taxes:		Main St. Widening	14,700.00
Levy of 1948	\$4,304.07	Oliver Ames Fund — Schools	19.13
Levy of 1949	21,065.93	Land for School Purchases (2)	1,000.00
		Numbering Streets	250.00
		Cemeteries—Trust Income	130.03
Motor Vehicle Tax of 1948	25,370.00	Schools—1950	2,600.00
Motor Vehicle Tax of 1949	54.01	Federal Grant Balances:	
Town Tax Titles	1,937.57	Old Age Assistance	\$27,767.40
Town Tax Possessions	2,235.78	Old Age Assistance Adm.	3,351.94
	269.72	Aid to Dependent Children	2,884.60
Departmental Accounts Receivable:		Aid to Dependent Children adm.	360.43
Police Ambulance Service	\$175.00		
Health	59.00		34,364.37
Highway	240.30		
Welfare	2,080.06		11,203.90
A.D.C. State	2,691.86	Overlay Reserve	
Cities and Towns	442.95	Overlay for Abatement of Taxes:	
Schools	237.65	Levy of 1948	\$538.87
		Levy of 1949	407.30
	5,926.82		
			946.17

Overlay of 1944
 Overlay of 1945
 Overlay of 1946
 Revenue 1950
 State Park Reservations
 State Audit of Municipal Accounts
 Bristol County T. B. Hospital

Revenue Reserved until collected:
 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax
 Town Tax Titles
 Town Tax Possessions
 Departmental

1.68
 4.05
 4.65
 2,600.00
 175.77
 29.52
 1,368.25

\$1,991.58
 2,235.78
 269.72
 5,926.82

Surplus Revenue in Excess &
 Deficiency Account

90,269.49
 \$193,730.48

DEBT ACCOUNTS

\$10,000.00 School Loan

\$10,000.00

DISTRICT ACCOUNTS

Accounts Receivable:

N. Easton District Taxes
 N. Easton District Tax Titles
 S. Easton & Eastondale Taxes
 S. Easton & Eastondale Tax Titles
 S. Easton & Eastondale Tax Possessions
 Unionville District Taxes
 Unionville District Tax Titles
 Unionville Tax Possessions
 Easton Center Taxes

\$301.09
 35.27
 283.90
 2.68
 4.30
 515.02
 66.74
 3.83
 245.13

Revenue Pledged to Districts when Collected:

N. Easton District Taxes
 N. Easton District Tax Titles
 S. Easton & Eastondale Taxes
 S. Easton & Eastondale Tax Titles
 S. Easton & Eastondale Tax Possessions
 Unionville District Taxes
 Unionville Tax Possessions
 Easton Center Taxes

\$301.09
 35.27
 283.90
 2.68
 4.30
 515.02
 66.74
 3.83
 245.13

\$1,457.96

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Respectfully submitted,

JOHN I. LOWNDES,
 Town Accountant

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Concerning the Articles in the Town Warrant for the Annual Meeting, March 6, 1950

The Annual Meeting of the Town of Easton will be held at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium on Monday, March 6, 1950. It is the hope of the Finance Committee that every citizen will make an effort to attend.

At the risk of being repetitious, we would like to point out, once again, that the best interests of the Town are served, only when a majority of the citizens are present at the Town Meetings, to express their opinions and vote on the various articles in the warrant.

The general items in the regular budget show an increase of approximately \$27,500. Of this amount, the Welfare items amount to approximately \$14,500, schools \$9,000 and the remainder in other departments.

Welfare costs are mounting year by year, caused by increased loads in the Aid to Dependent Children, Old Age Assistance, Welfare and Veterans Benefits accounts. Part of the increase is due to the increased case load that has come on the town, and in part, to laws that have been passed by the State and Federal governments covering these cases. These funds, for the most part, must be administered by formulas laid down by the State and Federal authorities, and there is little that we, as a town, can do about these estimates. Part of the Welfare item increases are returned to the Town by State and Federal grants, but we would like to point out that this money must come from the citizens in the first place, before it can be returned. As long as we are faced with this situation we can only hope that these funds will be administered, in the future, as wisely as they have been in the past.

The School budget shows that salary increases to the teachers, janitors and the hire of an extra clerk amount to approximately \$8900 and the addition of two teachers in the

North Easton Grammar School adds about \$5200 making a total increase on the salary items of about \$14,000. Reduced expenditures in the remainder of the budget plus the fact that the bond account has been paid off, allowing this money to be used for current expenses, leaves the total amount to be raised and appropriated by the Town some \$9000 over last year.

The Warrant articles this year call for considerable new street construction but this work will establish roadways for new developments that are now in progress, and will return to the Town a sizeable sum in taxable property. We feel these are wise expenditures.

The Fire Department has asked for a new Forest Fire Truck to replace the 1921 Acme in the South Easton Fire Station and due to the age and difficulty in keeping this old piece of equipment in repair it seems this should be provided.

For the first time, this year provision is being made for a full time clerk for the Board of Assessors who will maintain an office with the rest of the Town Offices. We feel that this is a step that is long overdue.

ARTICLES IN TOWN WARRANT

Your committee acts as follows on the articles in the Town Warrant for 1950:

Article 1. No recommendation required.

Article 2. See our budget.

Article 3. We recommend the sum of \$500.00 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 4. We recommend the adoption of this article.

Article 5. This article to be referred to the Board of Assessors.

Article 6. We recommend the adoption of this article.

Article 7. We recommend the sum of \$200.00 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 8. We recommend the sum of \$200.00 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 9. We recommend the sum of \$1,600.00 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 10. We recommend the sum of \$6,000.00 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 11. We recommend the sum of \$1,500.00 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 12. We refer this to the Town Meeting.

Article 13. We refer this to the Town Meeting.

Article 14. We refer this to the Town Meeting.

Article 15. We recommend the sum of \$3,000.00 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 16. We refer this to the Town Meeting.

Article 17. We refer this to the Town Meeting. No expenditure anticipated.

Article 18. We recommend the adoption of this article and in accordance with the law recommend the sum of \$2,000.00 be appropriated from available Highway Department Funds for this purpose.

Article 19. We refer this to the Town Meeting.

Article 20. We refer this to the Town Meeting.

Article 21. We refer this to the Town Meeting.

Article 22. We recommend that the sum of \$600.00 for salary and \$200.00 for expenses be raised and appropriated for the Director of Veterans' Services only and the position of Veterans' Agent remain, as is for the present, without appropriation.

Article 23. We recommend the sum of \$200.00 be appropriated from available Highway Department Funds for this purpose.

Article 24. We recommend the sum of \$2,000.00 be appropriated from available Highway Department Funds for this purpose.

Article 25. We recommend the sum of \$2,000.00 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 26. We recommend the sum of \$900.00 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 27. We recommend the sum of \$2,300.00 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 28. We recommend the sum of \$800.00 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 29. No recommendation required.

We wish to express our thanks to the Town Officers, Department Heads and Committees for their co-operation in the presentation of their budgets. Their wholehearted assistance is greatly appreciated by the Finance Committee.

We can make no estimate of the effect that State, County or District taxes will have on the Town of Easton tax rate as these taxes are not published until after the Annual Town Meeting.

Once again we urge your attendance at the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, March 6, 1950.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. AMES, JR.
MERVIN I. BOWDEN
JOSEPH CONNOLLY
EDGAR A. CRAIG
NORMAN O. DURFEE
HERMAN HALVERSON
JOHN B. HOWARD
FRANK D. LEARY
NEUBERT B. MORSE
CHARLES F. McCARTHY
FRANK H. SARGENT, JR.
LEO R. SCHLEICHER
RICHARD L. SPROUL
CLARKE L. WILCOX
MYRON F. WILLIAMS

Finance Committee
Town of Easton

TOWN OF EASTON — BUDGET FOR TOWN MEETING 1950

	Appropriated 1949	Expended 1949	Requested 1950	Recommended 1950
Assessor's expense	\$950.00	\$937.78	\$390.00	\$390.00
Aid to Dependent Children	16,000.00	(A) 19,978.92	25,000.00	25,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children, Adm.	100.00	(B) 272.50	100.00	100.00
Care of Cemeteries	400.00	(C) 897.02	400.00	400.00
Dog Officer	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Election Expense	600.00	589.52	1,300.00	1,300.00
Finance Committee Expense	75.00	74.75	75.00	75.00
Fire Department	12,253.00	(D) 12,892.44	12,953.00	12,953.00
Forest Warden's Salary	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Health Department	7,000.00	6,472.49	7,000.00	7,000.00
Hire of Nurses	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Inspector of Animals	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Interest on Notes	300.00	174.72	200.00	200.00
Incidentals	100.00	54.50	100.00	100.00
Moth Department	2,300.00	1,969.56	2,377.00	2,377.00
Old Age Assistance	66,340.00	109,314.17	6,872.00	6,872.00
Old Age Assistance, Adm.	300.00	(E) 2,778.96	300.00	300.00
Police Department	13,610.00	(F) 13,599.46	14,480.00	14,480.00
Public Welfare	7,000.00	(G) 7,799.74	9,000.00	9,000.00
Road Department	30,000.00	(H) 51,680.15	30,000.00	30,000.00
Registrar of Voters' Expense	500.00	303.79	600.00	600.00
Registrar of Voters' Salaries	225.00	150.00	225.00	225.00
Rent of Town Offices	1,500.00	1,459.82	1,600.00	1,600.00
Reserve Fund	3,000.00	(a) 1,959.76	3,000.00	3,000.00
Schools	176,596.24	(I) 202,146.76	185,557.87	185,557.87
Sealer of Weights & Measures	300.00	300.00	400.00	400.00

Selectmen's Expense	300.00	(J)	305.75	300.00	300.00
Town Counsel Salary	800.00		800.00	800.00	800.00
Town Counsel Expense				200.00	200.00
Tax Collectors' Expense	1,750.00		1,748.92	1,950.00	1,950.00
Town Accountant's Salary	800.00		800.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town Accountant's Expense	100.00		77.73	100.00	100.00
Town Clerk's Expense	700.00		700.00	800.00	800.00
Town Officers' Salaries	7,365.00		7,365.00	7,365.00	7,365.00
Town Physician	800.00		800.00	800.00	800.00
Town Reports	936.05		936.05	As Invoiced	
Town Treasurer's Expense	1,000.00	(K)	1,337.05	1,400.00	1,400.00
Tree Department	7,500.00		7,470.51	6,500.00	6,500.00
Veterans' Benefits	1,000.00	(L)	1,066.80	2,000.00	2,000.00
	<u>\$363,900.29</u>		<u>\$460,614.62</u>	<u>\$388,392.87</u>	<u>\$388,392.87</u>

ARTICLES IN TOWN WARRANT — 1950

Road Department Truck	2,500.00	(b)	2,500.00	.....	.....
Purchase of Land for School Purposes	600.00		600.00	.....	.....
Repairs to Wilbur St.	1,500.00		1,399.75	.....	.....
Director of Veterans' Services	600.00		375.00	.....	600.00
Director of Veterans' Services, Expense	200.00		100.22	.....	200.00
Purchase of Land for School Purposes	1,000.00		.....	.....	.....
Schools, Salary Increases	2,600.00		2,600.00	.....	.....
Memorial & Armistice Day	500.00		421.13	.....	.....
Town Treasurer's, Salary Increase	.....		.....	500.00	500.00
Town Collector's, Salary Increase	.....		.....	200.00	200.00
Assessors' Expense, Clerk's Salary	.....		.....	200.00	200.00
Forest Fire Truck	.....		.....	1,600.00	1,600.00
Police Automobile	2,000.00		1,721.90	6,000.00	6,000.00
Rubbish Collection	3,000.00		2,775.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Town Garage	.....	(c)	.....	3,000.00	3,000.00
			.....	2,000.00	2,000.00

	Appropriated 1949	Expended 1949	Requested 1950	Recommended 1950
Wire Inspector	.....	.....	650.00	.....
Dept. of Veterans Services & Veterans' Agent	.....	.....	1,200.00	.....
Dept. of Veterans' Services & Veterans' Exp.	.....	.....	300.00	.....
Poquanticut Ave., Taking for Repairs	.....	.....	(d)	200.00
Repairs to Poquanticut Ave.	.....	.....	(d)	2,000.00
Repairs to Wilbur St.	.....	.....	2,000.00	2,000.00
Repairs to Dailey Ave.	.....	.....	900.00	900.00
Repairs to Harrison Ave.	.....	.....	2,300.00	2,300.00
Repairs to Western Ave.	.....	.....	800.00	800.00
Warrant Articles Total	14,500.00	12,493.00	25,350.00	24,000.00
General Budget Total	363,900.29	460,614.62	388,392.87	388,392.87
Total all items	<u>\$378,400.29</u>	<u>\$473,107.62</u>	<u>\$413,742.87</u>	<u>\$412,392.87</u>
(A) Received from Federal Grant	\$3,989.68	(J) Transferred from Reserve Fund		5.75
(B) Received from Federal Grant	247.50	(K) Transferred from Reserve Fund		337.05
(C) Received from Trust Funds	497.02	(L) Transferred from Reserve Fund		66.80
(D) Transferred from Reserve Funds	700.16	(a) To be appropriated from Overlay Reserve.		
(E) Received from Federal Grant	45,010.97	(b) Appropriated from Ames Funds.		
(F) Received from Federal Grant	2,564.00	(c) To be appropriated from Available Highway De- partment Funds.		
(G) Transferred from Reserve Fund	850.00	(d) To be appropriated from available Highway De- partment Funds.		
(H) Received from Ames Funds	21,680.15			
(I) (\$7,818.75 applied on bond Account from Ames Funds)				

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 1950

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the
County of Bristol, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the sixth day of March, next, at 8:00 o'clock P. M. then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors, Board of Public Welfare, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, Tree Warden and any committee of the Town and take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town Charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day and Armistice Day to be expended under the direction of Elijah A. Morse Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, George S. Shepard Post No. 7, American Legion, George F. Schindler Post No. 2547, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the Financial Year beginning January 1, 1951, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to

renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use from surplus revenue to reduce the tax levy for the current year.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to allocate from monies raised and appropriated for highway purposes, such sums as may be necessary for maintenance, improvement and construction of streets within the Town, said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County for the purpose, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to increase the Salary of the Town Treasurer and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to increase the Salary of the Tax Collector and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to increase the compensation paid the clerk of the Board of Assessors, and to continue to allow the Board of Assessors to appoint one of its own members to the position of clerk of said Board, and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to cover the cost of same.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a Forest Fire Truck for the Fire Department and to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a police cruiser for the Police Department, a certain automobile of said department to be applied toward the purchase price of the same, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at private sale, on such conditions as they may deem expedient, the Westinghouse electric welder no longer in use by the Highway Department.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey all the right, title and interest that the Town may have in property known as the Town Pound, situated on the southerly side of Depot Street opposite the Congregational Church property.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey all the right, title and interest that the Town may have in the Goward school property, so-called, situated at the junction of Washington Street and Turnpike Street.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to enter into a contract with a person or persons for the collection of rubbish and for the upkeep of the Town Dump, located at the end of Baldwin Street, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to establish and maintain state-aided vocational education in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 74, General Laws and Acts amendatory thereto or dependent thereon, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, in the name and on the behalf of the Town, to acquire by gift or purchase or to take by right of eminent domain, such land as may be necessary for the purpose of erecting a Town garage thereon, together with any and all purposes incidental thereto, said land being located to the rear of the present Town barn property, as shown on a plan on file in the Town Clerk's Office, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing a town garage; determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or by borrowing under authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 19. Tho see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint an inspector of wires in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 529 of the Acts of 1949, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, Sections 81A to 81Y inclusive, as amended, so as to establish a Planning Board for the Town of Easton in accordance with the provisions therein contained, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to permit The Foundation of Our Lady of Holy Cross, Incorporated, which conducts Stonehill College in said Town, to establish and maintain a cemetery upon grounds owned by the corporation situated on the Easterly side of Washington Street, Easton, Massachusetts, as approved in writing by the Board of Health of the Town.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to combine the office of Veterans Agent with the established office of Director of Veterans Services and to raise and appropriate such sum or sums as may be necessary to maintain the combined departments. (By petition)

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen for and in behalf of the Town to acquire by gift or purchase, or to take by right of eminent domain, for highway purposes, such land as may be necessary for the widening and construction of Poquanticut Avenue, as shown on a plan on file in the Town Clerk's Office, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (By petition)

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of widening and construction of Poquanticut Avenue, as shown on a plan on file in the Town Clerk's Office, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (By petition)

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept Wilbur Street as a Public Way from a point opposite the property

of Albert A. Giordano easterly to Center Street, as shown on a plan on file in the Town Clerk's Office and authorize the Selectmen in the name and on behalf of the Town to acquire the land by gift for highway purposes, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to make necessary repairs therefor, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (By petition)

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public highway Dailey Avenue, so-called as shown on a "Plan dated January 5, 1950, Hayward & Hayward, Surveyors," said plan being on file at the Town Clerk's Office, the fee to said Dailey Avenue to be conveyed to the Town by the owner thereof, by a Deed of Gift, and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to cover the cost of the same. (By petition)

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public highway Harrison Avenue, so-called as shown on a "Plan dated January 5, 1950, Hayward & Hayward, Surveyors," said plan being on file at the Town Clerk's Office, the fee to said Harrison Avenue to be conveyed to the Town by the owner thereof, by a Deed of Gift, and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to cover the cost of same. (By petition)

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public highway Western Avenue, so-called as shown on a "Plan dated January 5, 1950, Hayward & Hayward, Surveyors," said plan being on file at the Town Clerk's Office, the fee to said Western Avenue to be conveyed to the Town by the owner thereof, by a Deed of Gift, and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to cover the cost of same. (By petition)

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a school building committee consisting of not more than eleven individuals, members of the School Committee to be included therein, and said Committee to report its findings at the next annual Town Meeting or at any special Town Meeting that may be held before that time, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

ARTICLE 30. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, qualified to vote in elections, residing in Precinct One, to meet at the Furnace Village School; those residing in Precinct Two to meet at the High School Auditorium; and those residing in Precinct Three, to meet at the South Easton School House on Monday, the 13th day of March next at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes all on one ballot for one member of the Board of Assessors, for a term of three years; one member of the Board of Health, for a term of three years; and two members of the School Committee for a term of three years; Moderator, three Selectmen, three members of the Board of Public Welfare, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Tree Warden, and a Finance Committee of fifteen, all for a term of one year. The Polls will be open at 10:00 o'clock A. M. and shall be closed at 8:00 o'clock P. M.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at each meeting house and post office in said Town, and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

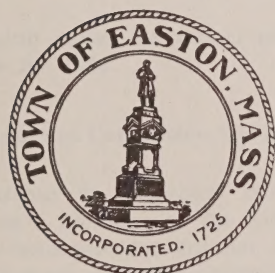
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting, and said Town Clerk is hereby required to make return of this warrant to the Warden or Deputy Warden at the time and place of holding said meeting for the election of officers, and said Warden is hereby required to make return of this warrant to the Town Clerk, together with his return or officers elected at the close of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 30th day of January in the year nineteen hundred and fifty.

LEWIS R. MASON
DENIS C. BROPHY
ALBERT E. WOOD

Selectmen of Easton

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND
ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
and the sixty-fourth from the office of the
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
of the
TOWN OF EASTON
MASSACHUSETTS



for the year ending December 31

1949

Annual Report of the School Committee

To the Citizens of Easton:

The School Committee submits herewith its report for the year ending December 31, 1949. It is the one hundred twenty-second in this series of annual reports.

Your committee has held twenty-five meetings during the year, most of which were four to five hours in length. We have tried to familiarize ourselves with the schools and their problems through personal visits, building inspections, monthly reports from principals and superintendent, and by calling before us some of the key people in the school system. We have made changes and started innovations which we believe will result in improved educational facilities for the children of the town.

In the following pages we report on our work as your School Committee for 1949.

Changes in Committee Membership

In March, Arthur F. Anderson completed his seventh three-year term as a member of the School Committee and declined to be a candidate for another term. Mr. Anderson had served as chairman of the Committee since 1938. He also served as a member of the 1929 and 1938 school building committees. His record of twenty-one years of unpaid public service is unusual. An entire generation of Easton young people has profited from his efforts.

Mrs. Helen S. Tyler was elected in March to succeed Mr. Anderson. At the organization meeting of the Committee, following the town election, Clyde A. Craig, Jr., was elected chairman.

Personnel Changes

Beginning with the new school year in September, two additional elementary teachers were employed and assigned to the North Easton Grammar School. The increased elementary enrollments, and the transferring of sixth grade pupils from the Eastondale and Furnace Village Schools to the North Easton Grammar School, made this action necessary. Two other new elementary teachers were employed to replace teachers who resigned.

At the High School, seven members of the 1948-49 staff withdrew at the end of the school year. This gave the School Committee an opportunity to increase the number of men teachers on the High School staff. Six of the seven replacements were men. Including the two special supervisors who work about three days in the High School and two days in the elementary schools each week, eleven men and ten women now make up the High School faculty. We feel that we have secured some excellent replacements for the teachers who left.

Among the new teachers at the High School is the principal, Roger L. Warner, Mr. Warner was elected by the Committee after a careful investigation of available men. Over forty applications were studied, and the most promising of the group were visited in their own schools by Superintendent Mann. Five men were called before our Committee for interviews. The able manner in which Mr. Warner has assumed his new position reenforces our original belief that he is a competent man for the position.

School Building Survey Committee

A year ago our committee caused to be inserted in the warrant for the annual town meeting an article requesting the appointment of a citizens' committee to study school building needs. This action was brought about because of the rapidly increasing enrollment in the elementary schools, causing crowding in some classrooms. Charles F. McCarthy, Neubert B. Morse, Aldo D. Johnson, Mrs. J. Frederick Mahoney and Mrs. Harry W. Tyler, the latter a member of the

School Committee, were appointed. Charles F. McCarthy was elected committee chairman. Their committee has visited all of our school buildings, has visited several outstanding examples of new elementary schools in other towns, and has conferred with the State Supervisor of Elementary Education and with a representative of the State School Building Assistance Commission. They have held a number of other meetings. Their report appears as another section of the school report.

Action on increasing and improving elementary school facilities in the town cannot be long delayed. We are now bringing sixth grade pupils from the Eastondale and Furnace Village Schools to the North Easton Grammar School, resulting in use of that building practically at maximum. A census of children under school age, taken in November, indicates that we will have about one hundred more elementary pupils for the school year 1952-53 than we have now.

Prompt action is also important if the town is to be sure of state aid in the construction of new school facilities. A law which expires on July 1, 1951, makes Easton eligible to receive state assistance to the extent of half the original cost of approved school construction.

State Aid to Schools

The 1948 General Court passed legislation providing increased state financial aid to the towns for the support of schools. The new law, which was discussed in detail in our 1948 report, primarily provided a new basis for distributing part of the funds collected through the State income tax on the basis of need rather than on a valuation basis. Easton, being a town of low assessed valuation, seemed to be one of the towns destined to benefit under this new law. Information passed down from the office of the Commissioner of Taxation and Corporations to finance committees in the municipalities of the state resulted in considerable skepticism being expressed as to the real benefits of the law, since it provided no new source of revenue. This skepticism was expressed by our own Finance Committee when we presented our 1949 budget to them.

The following figures show how the law affected Easton in 1949, the first year of its operation. All state funds from this

source go into the town treasury and are not available for expenditure until appropriated at a town meeting. We estimated a year ago that the school aid under this law (Chapter 70) would amount in 1949 to \$33,261.00 for Easton.

	Received in 1948	Received in 1949
(1) On Teachers' Salaries, Chapter 70	\$10,325.00	\$
(2) School Aid, Chapter 70 revised	.....	33,261.01
(3) School Transportation Aid, Chapter 71	5,874.80	5,594.60
(4) Easton received on Valuation Basis, Chapter 58	18,286.01	22,097.40
	\$34,485.81	\$60,953.01

These figures show a total increase in state aid to the town, from the distribution of the state income tax, of \$26,467.20 in 1949 over 1948. The increase in school aid (Items 1, 2 and 3 in the tabel above) was \$22,655.81. It was on the basis of this increased aid to schools that some municipalities—notably Brockton in this area—raised teachers' salaries while claiming that the increases would not be reflected in the tax rate. Item 4 in the table above will of course be reduced in years following poor income tax collections.

Other Departmental Receipts

In addition to \$33,261.01 returned to the town as state aid to schools, and \$5,594.60 received by the town as part reimbursement on expenditures for pupil transportation, the town received in 1949, \$6,349.98 as tuition of state wards and non-resident pupils, \$264.57 from the state as reimbursement in part for tuition paid to trade schools, and \$327.67 in miscellaneous income, chiefly rentals of halls. There are also bills receivable on tuition totalling \$228.65 and on hall rentals to the amount of \$9.00. Income from the two Ames school funds in 1949 was \$15,150.90, exclusive of \$7,818.75 used to retire school bonds. Thus a total of \$61,186.38 (gain exclusive of the amount paid on school bonds from the Oliver Ames Fund) can be credited as income against the 1949 school expenditures of \$194,328.01.

School Costs

The cost of teachers' salaries and of fuel, supplies, repairs and other items necessary for the operation of the schools has

shown a steady increase since the start of World War II. These increases are nation wide.

The figures below show school costs per pupil in net average membership in towns and cities of this area during 1948 (the figures for 1949 are not yet available). The figures do not include capital outlay, such as construction of new buildings. The column headed "Net Cost from Local Taxation" shows the cost per pupil after all types of receipts of a school department have been subtracted from total expenditures. The column headed "Cost from All Sources" shows cost per pupil including departmental receipts and income from endowment funds. The figures were provided by the State Department of Education.

Town	Net Cost from Local Taxation	Rank in Group	Cost from All Sources	Rank in Group
Sharon	\$167.58	1	\$182.13	1
Canton	165.16	2	178.60	2
West Bridgewater	157.21	3	173.06	4
Taunton	153.08	4	165.24	6
Hanover	150.38	5	175.34	3
East Bridgewater	146.28	6	160.80	7
Rockland	144.40	7	153.59	9
Brockton	143.82	8	152.66	11
Abington	139.37	9	152.76	10
Mansfield	138.83	10	150.37	14
Foxboro	137.49	11	150.53	13
Easton	136.18	12	169.13	5
Bridgewater	127.20	13	139.87	16
Stoughton	127.03	14	140.78	15
Avon	126.87	15	150.62	12
Randolph	115.62	16	134.13	18
Whitman	113.19	17	138.90	17
Raynham	103.31	18	154.77	8
Norton	94.07	19	125.68	19
All Towns and Cities of the State	176.13		192.88	
All town (not cities) of 5000 population or over in Massachusetts	164.82		180.60	

The first column shows costs per pupil through local taxation (i. e., local effort) in each community. The third column shows total support of public education in each community. Several conclusions can be drawn from these figures:

1. In the Brockton area school costs are definitely lower than they are in the state as a whole. The median expenditure per pupil from all sources in this group of 19 Brockton area towns and cities is \$152.76, while the figure for the entire state is \$198.88. For the towns (not cities) of the state having populations of 5,000 or over the figure is \$180.60.

2. Easton ranks 12th in the group of 19 towns in local effort, but fifth in costs per pupil from all sources. The effect of the income from the two Ames schools funds is evident here.

3. Easton's expenditure per pupil from all sources in 1948 was \$169.13, while the corresponding figure for towns of 5,000 population and over in the state (excluding cities) was \$180.60. We feel that the costs per pupil in Easton are no higher relatively than they should be.

It is obvious that 1949 costs both in Easton and elsewhere were higher than 1948 costs. Costs in 1950 will be still higher, the principal reason being a general and gradual increase in the salaries of teachers.

School Bonds Retired

The school bonds issued to help in the financing of the new school construction of 1929-30 have been retired, the last payment having been made in 1949. Retirement of bonds and interest on bonds cost the town \$13,875.00 in 1930. This total grew less each year as interest costs reduced, until the final payment last year of \$7,818.75. Nineteen payments of \$8,000 each and one payment of \$7,818.75 were made from income of the Oliver Ames School Fund. Actually, the town through taxation paid a large part of the interest on these school bonds but none of the principal.

In 1938 a second issue of school bonds was made. This was in connection with the construction of the Furnace Village School and amounted to \$32,000, to be paid off at the rate of \$2,000 per year. The federal government, through the

Public Works Administration, paid for the balance of the cost of this building, (forty-five percent of the total). Only \$10,000 remains outstanding on this bond issue, and this amount constitutes the total bonded indebtedness of the town at this time.

Building Maintenance and Improvement

As we have pointed out in previous reports, only a minimum amount of repairs to school buildings was done during the depression years and during World War II. Real progress has been made in this direction during the past four years, and the program prepared for 1950 will continue this progress. Two or three more years of like outlay will put our buildings again in first class condition, except for certain structural defects in some of the 1930 construction.

In April a full time maintenance man was employed at an annual salary of \$2800 plus \$200 for use of his truck. He is a capable carpenter and can also do painting and some minor repairs of other types. He is also available to substitute for a janitor who may be absent because of illness. Our maintenance program involves far more work than one man can do, and some large jobs will still have to be let out to contract. Some of the more difficult plumbing repairs and practically all electrical repairs will be done by others. We believe that definite savings can be and are being made through the employment of a full time maintenance man, and there is the added advantage of being able to have needed minor repairs attended to promptly. One specific example of a definite saving is the refinishing of the auditorium and stage at the Eastondale School. This work was done by our maintenance man at a cost of \$125 for labor and about \$25 for materials. The estimate made by a reliable local painting contractor for the job was \$250.00.

In 1949, \$8,461.45 was spent for building maintenance, divided into "Repairs" and "Furniture and Furnishings" as shown in the following table:

School	Repairs	Furniture & Furnishings
Oliver Ames High School	\$3,225.60	\$1,655.83
North Easton Grammar School	1,781.18	2.30

South Easton School	372.58	30.89
Eastondale School	808.44	.....
Furnace Village School	193.76	43.49
Unionville School	98.52	.....
Poquanticut School	332.86	16.00
	\$6,812.94	\$1,748.51

During 1949 repair work was confined largely to interior work. The exterior of the North Easton Grammar School was painted. Lightning damage to the tower of this building was repaired at the expense of the insurance companies. Plans for 1950 include the painting of the exterior of the High School and the Eastondale School, along with considerable interior painting. The report of the Superintendent of Schools, which follows this report, gives details of work done in 1949 and work planned for 1950.

Other Plant and Equipment Improvements

Items that represent an extension of the school plant and equipment, rather than repairs to and replacement of present plant and equipment are charged to "Outlay" in our annual budget. Two sub-divisions under this heading are "Permanent Improvement" and "New Equipment". Expenditures under these headings at the various schools during 1949 are shown below:

	Permanent Improvement	New Equipment
Junior-Senior High School	\$ 464.39	\$2,657.27
North Easton Grammar School	1,121.69	2,296.44
South Easton School	9.32	51.13
Eastondale School	47.57	34.50
Furnace Village School	18.63	38.06
Poquanticut School	.....	3.68
Unionville School	.....	3.68
Total	\$1,661.60	\$5,084.76

Surfacing a portion (600 square yards) of play area at the North Easton Grammar School with Type I asphalt paving, installing a stoker at that school, and partitioning the present

guidance office at the High School were the major expenditures in 1949 under "Permanent Improvement". Planned for 1950 are paving the driveway and another portion of the play area at the North Easton Grammar School, and grading the Conroy lot which the town voted to buy at the September town meeting.

Under the heading of "New Equipment" a considerable list of much needed items was purchased in 1949. The largest item was the purchase of new school seating for two rooms at the North Easton Grammar School which were opened for classroom use because of increased enrollments there and because of the transferring of sixth grade pupils from Eastondale and Furnace Village Schools to that building. A number of other items, such as an automatic calculator and a new mimeograph for the commercial department of the High School, a motion picture projector for use of the elementary schools, and a deep freeze unit for the High School cafeteria were purchased, the list being larger than usual because of the availability of unexpected income from the Oliver Ames School Fund. Purchase of minor items only in 1950 is planned under this heading.

Mention in this report should be made of two other items of outlay purchased by the Selectmen after authorization by the voters at town meeting. The grounds at the Eastondale School were more than doubled in size by the purchase of land east of the original lot for \$650.00. This land was acquired so that the town could control the forty-foot right of way at the south edge of the school lot, and to give room for expansion in case the school building is enlarged. The town also voted to purchase of the Conroy estate some two acres of land south of and adjacent to the present North Easton Grammar School lot. This is a much needed extension of the play area at this school. (At this writing the actual transfer of the title of this land to the town has not been made).

Guidance Activities

The guidance program in our Junior-Senior High School is now in its third year of operation. It has been developed gradually, having been concerned at first with the lower classes at the High School. Last year's guidance program covered pupils in grades 7 through 10, as well as eleventh

grade girls. Home room guidance activities were emphasized in these grades, along with much individual counselling.

The program of the present school year continues the home room guidance work of grades 7 to 10 inclusive, and emphasizes individual counselling in grades 11 and 12. One of the big objectives of the program is to place as many pupils as possible who graduate, or who leave school for other reasons, in advanced schools or in jobs suitable to their interests and capabilities. A determined effort will be made to follow the careers of these young people for several years after they leave school. Contacts with employers in this area will be made and placement and follow-up activities are expected to require a considerable portion of the time of the guidance man.

The present guidance co-ordinator is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and has done graduate work at Boston University in the field of guidance. He is a mature and experienced teacher, and has had previous experience in counselling and guidance in Berlin (N.H.) High School and in the United States Army. We believe that he is well qualified to carry on the type of guidance program in our high school which we desire.

To enable him to work more efficiently, the guidance office at the High School has been moved to the room which was formerly the Teachers' Room. A partition, the upper part of which is glass, has been built across this room, thus providing an outer room for display of guidance materials, for group testing, etc., and a private office and conference room. Built in book shelves and cabinets provide abundant storage space. The location of the room on the second floor at the head of the stairs leading from the west entrance of the original part of the High School building makes for convenient evening use. Both the guidance office and the office of the Superintendent of Schools are open on Monday evenings, holidays excepted, from 7:00 to 8:00 o'clock during the school year. (The latter office is also open on Monday evenings through the vacation periods.) Many parents are already taking advantage of the evening office hour to visit the guidance office and confer with the guidance co-ordinator.

Our Committee believes that we are developing a good program in guidance. It should increase in effectiveness as

time goes on. Principal Warner of the High School has stated that he feels that we are on the way to developing one of the best small high school guidance programs in the state. This comparatively new work with our young people impresses us as much worth while. We hope that parents will make extensive use of the service which a well trained man in this field, such as we have, can give.

Vocational Education

Our committee is sponsoring an article in the warrant for the town meeting requesting the town to vote to authorize the School Committee to establish courses in vocational education. It is our intention, if the article is approved, to apply to the Division of Vocational Education, State Department of Education, for the establishment of a state aided Household Arts course in our High School. During the first two years of such a course, the salary of the teacher will come entirely from federal funds, the federal money being gradually withdrawn thereafter until the state and the town each pay half of the teachers' salary.

Girls enrolling in this work would spend half their school time in Household Arts and related work, and half their time in academic subjects. The half-time program in Household Arts would be credited in full towards the High School diploma. We feel that many girls would profit more from such work than from a strictly academic program.

Favorable action by the town on the article in the warrant must be secured before such courses can legally be established.

Teachers' Salaries

Along with the gradual increase in teachers' salaries has come a trend toward equal pay for men and women teachers of similar training and experience, regardless of whether they teach in high school or elementary school. This type of salary schedule has become quite general. A year ago our committee adopted such a schedule, carrying minimum salaries of \$2100, \$2300 and \$2400 for teachers having no degree, a bachelor's degree and a master's degree, respectively. Maximums were to be reached by \$100 annual increments. These maximums were \$3000 for no degree teachers having ten years or

more of experience and for teachers having a bachelor's degree, and \$3100 for teachers with a master's degree. An additional \$100 was to be paid for rating as a special supervisor, a high school department head and for coaching a major sport. Our 1949 budget originally provided \$100 increases toward these new maximums for men teachers and \$200 for women teachers, retroactive to January 1.

Due to unfavorable action by the voters, the new salary schedule and the salary increases were not put into effect until September 1. Funds for the increases were voted at the special town meeting in September. While the new schedule became operative in September, only three men teachers reached the maximum on the salary schedule at that time. All of the women teachers were three or four hundred dollars below the maximums. The 1950 budget includes funds to advance them \$100 toward the maximums, effective next September.

The Salary Committee of the Easton Teachers' Club has presented a request for much higher maximums and for more rapid acceleration toward the maximums. Our committee would like to go farther toward meeting the request of the teachers than has seemed possible under existing conditions. We have agreed to increase the maximums for degree-holding teachers \$100. This action affects the salaries of only three teachers in 1950.

Evidence that salary schedule adjustment has been necessary is the fact that eighteen new teachers have been taken into the school system during the past two school years. This is a turn-over of 40%, a figure which is too high for effective service in the schools. Salary maximums in Stoughton, Canton, Sharon, Foxboro, Mansfield and Randolph are at least \$100 higher than our new maximums, and their teachers' salaries are nearer their maximums than they are in Easton.

The 1950 Budget

Our 1950 Budget, shown in detail in the figures which follows, totals \$205,027.00 and calls for an appropriation by the town of \$185,557.87, an increase of \$6,361.63 over the March and September appropriations of 1949. Salaries and wages are up about \$13,500 over 1949 expenditures. The fact that the \$8,000 of Oliver Ames Fund income used annually for the past

twenty years for retirement of school bonds is now available for operating expenses prevents a wider margin between the 1949 appropriations and the one requested for 1950.

Actually the local tax burden caused by the schools will be less in 1950 than it was in 1948, when the total school budget was much lower. This is due to the increased state aid to schools which first became available in 1949. The following figures will make this point clear.

	1948	1949	1950
Town Appropriation	\$164,474.38	\$179,196.24	\$185,557.87
Department Receipts which went into the Town Treasury (Ames Funds income not in- cluded)	21,539.59	46,035.48	45,278.99*
	\$142,934.79	\$133,160.76	\$140,278.88

*The 1950 figure for receipts is a conservative estimate.

School costs have gone up rapidly since the war. They are likely to go still higher in 1951. Teachers' salaries are the principal, but not the only factor, in this increase. The greater school costs are not a local condition only, but are state and nation wide. Your committee is not happy over this development, but there is little that can be done to prevent it if we are to have schools which are comparable to those in other communities.

In the budget figures which follow we have included in the 1949 expenditures the \$2,600 appropriated at the special town meeting in September. Tax Commissioner Long has ruled that the appropriation was valid and that obligations could be incurred against it in 1949, but that payment of the \$2,600 could not legally be made until after January 1, 1950. Hence the Town Accountant's report will show the \$2,600 as a 1950 and not as a 1949 expenditure. We have included it in our 1949 figures in order to show the true picture of 1949 expenditures of the School Department. A treasurer's warrant dated January 3, 1950, for \$2,600 was used to pay that amount of December salaries due teachers.

Detailed figures of 1949 expenditures and 1950 budget figures follow. Also shown are 1949 departmental receipts and, as required by law, the estimated receipts for 1950.

	1949 Expenditures	1950 Budget
General Control	\$7,709.56	\$7,765.00
Office Expense	\$426.90	\$150.00
Telephone	158.66	171.00
Traveling Expense	309.00	400.00
Supv. of Attendance	110.00	110.00
Clerk's Salary	1,838.33	1,934.00
Supt's Salary	4,866.67	5,000.00
Salaries	114,727.22	127,091.00
Expenses of Principals, Supv. and Teachers		1,150.00
Textbooks	2,707.73	2,800.00
Suplies	5,910.63	5,400.00
Instructional	4,911.89	4,400.00
Athletic	998.74	1,000.00
Operating Expenses	24,025.97	24,495.00
Janitors' Wages	12,775.56	13,345.00
Fuel	7,367.07	7,350.00
Janitors' Supplies	1,411.23	1,400.00
Water	289.96	250.00
Electricity	1,777.82	1,600.00
Misc. School Plant	404.33	550.00
Maintenance	8,561.45	10,052.00
Repairs	6,812.94	7,700.00
Furn. & Furniture	1,748.51	2,352.00
Library	140.75	250.00
Health	4,058.38	4,045.00
Salary of Physician	1,000.00	1,000.00
Salary of Nurse	2,700.00	2,700.00
Transportation	300.00	300.00
Supplies	58.38	30.00
Miscellaneous		15.00
Transportation	14,400.76	14,950.00

	1949 Expenditures	1950 Budget
Tuition	1,178.85	1,449.00
Trade School	1,178.85	1,176.00
Other		273.00
Sundries	4,160.35	3,175.00
General	508.88	400.00
Graduation	189.99	175.00
Insurance	3,461.48	2,600.00
Outlay	6,746.36	2,405.00
Perm. Improvement	1,661.60	1,700.00
New Equipment	5,084.76	705.00
	<u>\$194,328.01</u>	<u>\$205,027.00</u>

BUDGET SUMMARY

A. 1949

(1) Appropriation, March, 1949	\$176,596.24
(2) *Appropriation, September, 1949	2,600.00
(3) Receipts, Oliver Ames School Fund	
Carried from 1948	\$8.51
Received in 1949	19,447.40
	<u>\$19,455.91</u>
Less amount applied on	
Bond account	\$7,818.75
Available for current expenses	11,637.16
(4) Receipts, Oakes Ames School Fund	3,513.74
	<u>(5) *Total available for support of schools</u>
	\$194,347.14
(6) Total expended during 1949	\$194,328.01
	<u>(7) Balance, Ames Fund account</u>
	\$19.13

*Note: The Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation has ruled that obligations could legally be incurred during 1949 against the \$2,600 appropriated in September, but that payment from this amount could not be made until after January 1, 1950. Hence the above figures, while showing the

true financial picture, will differ from the Town Accountant's figures by \$2,600.00. Likewise, our 1950 Budget will not show this \$2,600, while the Town Accountant's figures will of necessity do so.

B. 1950

(1) Town appropriation requested	\$185,557.87
(2) Estimated from Oliver Ames Fund in 1950	16,000.00
(3) Carried from 1949 in Ames Fund Account	19.13
(4) Available from Oakes Ames Fund, 1950	3,450.00
(5) Amount of Total Budget	<u>\$205,027.00</u>

C. Estimated Departmental Receipts, 1950

It is estimated that the following sums will be received by the town on account of its schools, all of which will go into the general fund of the Town Treasury:

From the State, tuition and transportation of State wards	\$4,950.00
From the State, as reimbursement in part for expenditures for pupil transportation	5,700.00
From the State, as aid to schools, Chapter 643, G. L.	32,481.00
From the town of Sharon, tuition and transportation of four pupils	640.00
From the Town of Stoughton, tuition and transportation of four pupils	\$560.00
Tuition to be paid by private individuals	150.00
From the State, reimbursement on account of trade school tuition paid (one half of the amount paid for the year ending August 31, 1949)	497.98
From rental of halls, supplies sold, etc.	300.00
Total	<u>\$45,278.99</u>

If the above estimated receipts for 1950 are subtracted from the appropriation requested for 1950, the balance

will show the approximate net amount to be raised by local taxation for the schools in 1950, which is \$140,278.88 (\$185,557.87—\$45,278.99—\$140,278.88).

D. Receipts and Bills Receivable, 1949

- (1) The following amounts were received during 1949 and went into the general fund of the Town Treasury:

From the State, as aid to schools, Chapter 643, G. L.	\$33,261.01
From the State, as reimbursement in part for pupil transportation costs	5,594.60
From the State, as reimbursement in the amount of one half the expenditures for trade school tuition for the year ending August 31, 1948	264.57
From the State, tuition and transportation of state wards	4,866.52
From H. A. Richards, Norton, tuition	143.91
From the Town of Sharon, tuition	1,032.35
From the Town of Stoughton, tuition	279.30
From Norman Cogswell, W. Bridgewater, tuition	27.90
From rentals of halls, supplies sold, etc.	327.67
Total	\$45,797.83

- (2) Accounts Receivable:

From A. J. Smith, Easton, tuition	\$90.41
From Charles A. Crocker, Sharon, tuition	23.04

From the town of Mansfield, tuition	115.20	
From Easton Grange, hall rental	9.00	
Total		237.65
		\$46,035.48

Respectfully submitted

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January 16, 1950

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

It is a pleasant duty to submit herewith my annual report as superintendent of schools in Easton. This report is the sixty-fourth in the series of annual reports from this office, and the twenty-fifth written by the present incumbment. As is customary, it will discuss achievements, problems and needs of the public schools as they have developed during the past year.

In my annual report for 1947, I stated that two outstanding problems were troubling public school systems everywhere. They were the greatly increased school costs and the acute shortage of well-trained teachers. The 1948 report called attention to a third problem,—the rapid increase in enrollments in the elementary grades. These problems still face us in undiminished magnitude, except that there is considerable alleviation of the teachers shortage at the secondary school level. These problems will be discussed, in the light of 1949 developments, in this report.

The past year has been a year of real progress in our schools in many respects. Much that has been done during the past twelve months will bear fruit in the years immediately ahead. Such progressive moves as the employment of a maintenance man on a full time basis, the adoption of a single salary schedule for teachers, the employment of the Rinehart penmanship supervisors, the providing of a late afternoon bus for high school pupils living in outlying sections of the town, improvement and extension of the school lunch program, and development of the guidance program will be discussed in later pages of this report.

School Costs Go Higher

A study of our budget will show that school costs will be higher in 1950 than they were in 1949. The principal factor in this increase is the item of teachers' salaries. The increase

in this section of the budget is due not only to higher salaries being paid to teachers but to an increase in the number of teachers employed. Two additional teachers were required in the elementary schools beginning last September, and an additional teacher for the junior-senior high school is planned for next September.

Because the \$8,000 per year from the income of the Oliver Ames School Fund which was formerly applied on the school bond account is now available for routine expenses, and because of some \$22,000 increase in state aid to schools, the cost of schools from local taxation will be less than it was in 1948. It should be emphasized that school costs are up everywhere. The rate of increase is no greater in Easton than elsewhere.

Good Elementary Teachers Still in Short Supply

Previous reports have called attention to the difficulty of interesting good teachers in positions in our schools at the salaries we can pay. The general shortage of teachers has resulted in the marked rise in the level of teachers' salaries.

In Easton, a new salary schedule was adopted last spring. It provides maximums of \$3,000 for teachers with the bachelor's degree or for non-degree teachers with ten years or more of teaching experiences, and \$3,100 for teachers with the master's degree, regardless of sex or grade taught. It provides \$100 extra pay for coaching any athletic team and for serving as a department head or special supervisor. It requires teachers to take approved professional improvement courses before advancing more than three steps on the salary schedule. It provides fairly liberal sick-leave allowances. Teachers are to work up to the new maximum by \$100 annual increases. During the present school year elementary teachers are \$400 below the new maximums and high school women teachers are \$300 below. Three of the men teachers are at the new maximums. Recently, by vote of the School Committee, the maximums for teachers with degrees have been raised \$100 over the figures quoted above.

Our present salary schedule is a great help in securing teacher replacements at the secondary school level. The supply of teachers qualified for high school teaching has increased during the past year or two. At the elementary school level

it is still very difficult to secure good replacements. Elementary teachers are in short supply because many of them left the profession during the war for better paying positions, because fewer young women trained for elementary teaching during the war, and because more elementary teachers are needed now due to sharp enrollment increases, especially in the first three or four grades. It will still be some time before it will again be relatively easy to fill elementary school vacancies. We have some excellent elementary teachers in Easton, and we should do all that we can to retain them.

School Enrollment Trends Are Up

In common with other communities Easton is faced with the problem of providing school facilities for a considerably increased number of children. This problem was discussed in detail in the 1948 report. To check on the accuracy of the figures of future enrollments used in that report, and at the request of the School Housing Survey Committee, another census of pre-school children in the town was taken in November, the work being done by fifth, sixth and seventh grade pupils under the supervision of their teachers.

The 1949 census indicates that the figures used in our 1948 report were too conservative. The two sets of figures agree that the peak enrollment in the elementary schools will come in the school year 1952-53 and that thereafter the number of pupils below junior high school age will remain about constant through 1955. The effect will not be felt in the Junior-Senior High School until the fall of 1953, and will not create unreasonable crowding in that building for several years after that date. In September, 1952, there will be enrolled about 768 pupils in our elementary schools and about 500 in Junior-Senior High School, according to figures now available. These figures do not include potential Kindergarten pupils in the South Easton-Eastondale area.

We all give lip-service to equality of educational opportunity. In Easton we do not practice it, because of the fact that we have five small elementary schools and one large one. These small schools cannot give the well-rounded educational opportunities for practically all types of pupils that are possible at the North Easton Grammar School. Furthermore, Kindergarten facilities, long available to North Easton chil-

dren, are unavailable to children of other sections of the town, unless parents are willing to transport them to and from North Easton village.

We have in the South Easton-Eastondale section of our town a rapidly growing community. There is every indication that this growth will continue gradually, with a corresponding increase in the number of school children. The present shortage of school facilities in the area will continue to get worse. Sixth grade pupils who belong in the Eastondale School are now attending the North Easton Grammar School, and it is very probable that sixth grade pupils from the South Easton School will have to go to North Easton next fall. The area is now served by two three-room elementary schools located approximately nine tenths of a mile apart. Five of the six rooms have two grades in a room, and enrollments in two of the rooms are too large for efficient work.

About 200 elementary pupils (grades 1 through 6), plus some 35 potential kindergarten pupils, are now living in the South Easton-Eastondale section of the town. There is every reason to expect an increase in these numbers as new homes are built. If all of these children could attend school in one modern building on the Eastondale School site, we would have a school unit large enough to offer a modern program of elementary education comparable to that now given by the elementary school in the North Easton section. Improved school facilities would be a big factor in the development of the South Easton-Eastondale area as a residential section. It is possible that the present school building on Pine Street could be made the nucleus of the larger building needed.

In the Furnace Village section the need of one more classroom is now evident. This is a fairly simple problem, as such factors as heating plant and auxiliary rooms, and even three walls of the new classroom, are already present, the building having been erected with a third room in mind. In this section, sixth grade pupils who would normally attend the Furnace Village School are now attending North Easton Grammar School, and by September, 1951, fifth grade pupils will also have to attend school there unless the additional room is provided by that time.

In the meantime the North Easton Grammar School is approaching a maximum enrollment.

Our Building Repair Program Progresses

The building maintenance program experienced lean times during the depression and war years. A great amount of needed repairs accumulated. The condition of our school buildings became such that it was difficult for pupils, teachers or other citizens to take the pride in them which public buildings should evoke.

Beginning in 1946, building maintenance expenditures have been more nearly adequate, and our school buildings are once more beginning to be kept in good repair. It will be two or three years more before the maintenance program catches up with pressing needs. We can still show interior walls that haven't been repainted since they were built in 1930, as, for instance, the west wall of the High School gymnasium and the assembly room at the North Easton Grammar School. The interior of the Furnace Village School has not been re-decorated since the building was erected in 1938.

The 1949 repair program saw a great deal accomplished. The appointment of a full-time maintenance man last April was a step in the right direction. Many minor repairs can now be attended to promptly, which formerly had to await the accumulation of a sufficient list to warrant the calling of a carpenter. We have some evidence that the employment of a full time man on maintenance work is saving money. Almost equally important is the greater efficiency of operation permitted when these repairs can be attended to without delay.

The larger items of repair work accomplished in 1949 include the painting of the exterior of the North Easton Grammar School, painting two classrooms at that building and one at the High School, painting the Eastondale School auditorium and portions of the High School gymnasium, painting the boys' shower and locker room at the High School, removing old plaster (badly damaged by moisture penetration) and replastering inside areas of the exterior walls of one class room and the new room for teachers at the High School, replacing plaster with glazed tile on the interior surface of the exterior wall of the boys' shower room (again necessitated by damage to plaster by moisture penetration), replacing the shallow well pump at the Poquanticut School with a deep well pump, and countless minor repair jobs. A new cyclorama was purchased for the

stage of the High School gymnasium-auditorium, bench vises in the High School shop were replaced with new ones, a considerable amount of new tools and equipment for the wood-working shop was purchased, and numerous minor repairs and replacement of furnishings and equipment were made.

Under the Budget heading of "Outlay" much new and badly needed equipment was purchased, chiefly from receipts from the Oliver Ames School Fund which came late in 1949 in excess of the originally estimated income. Included were such items as a freezer unit for the High School cafeteria, music instruments, motion picture projector for the elementary schools, automatic calculator for the High School Commercial Department and many smaller items. Two classrooms at the North Easton Grammar School were provided with new modern school seating at a cost of \$1,410.00. The former teachers' room at the High School was partitioned, painted and equipped as the guidance office and workroom. The former guidance office was refinished and furnished as a teachers' room. A practically new stoker, given the School Department by the Crofoot Gear Corporation, was installed at a cost of about \$500.00. A portion of the play area east of the North Easton Grammar School was surfaced with asphalt paving.

During 1950 it is planned to resurface additional play area and the driveway at the North Easton Grammar School. The program calls for painting the exterior of the High School by contract, and the painting of the exterior of the Eastondale School, as well as considerable interior painting at the High School, Eastondale School, North Easton Grammar School and Furnace Village School by the maintenance man. Tiling the south wall of the girls' shower room at the High School is planned. The usual numerous minor repair items are included.

Penmanship Supervision Stimulates Better Writing

Arrangements were made, beginning last September, for the penmanship supervision, in our elementary schools, of the Rinehart Functional Handwriting System. This service costs \$900 per school year. Two specially trained supervisors spend one day each month in the grade schools, visiting each classroom. They have held several teachers' meetings on the subject.

The visits of these outside supervisors, with the accompanying assignments, inspections of work, and grading of individual pupils and groups, is very stimulating to the pupils. Interest in acquiring better handwriting has been created. Teachers generally are pleased with the help which the supervisors are giving.

Probably the chief value of this type of supervision is the motivation which results. Pupils work harder for better penmanship and have better attitudes toward all their written work. We hope that permanent improvement in the handwriting of Easton children will result.

The Late Afternoon Bus a Worthwhile Innovation

Beginning last spring, a late afternoon bus trip was provided to aid pupils who live a considerable distance from the High School and who wished to participate in extra-curricular activities held after school hours. Previously it was at considerable personal hardship that these pupils were able to participate in athletics and other after-school activities.

Our town has a large area and the High School is located in the northeast corner of it. About forty percent of the pupils in Junior-Senior High School are transported to and from school by bus. Some have to go as far as five miles or more to get to high school. Such pupils frequently deprived of the privilege of participating in after-school activities. The late bus removes some of that handicap, especially for those taking part in athletics.

Since pupils transported on this bus practically all live a mile and a half or more from the High School, the state reimbursement on school transportation covers practically the entire cost of the bus. Although the town must pay the cost of this transportation in the first instance, additional reimbursemen from the State because of it reduces the net cost to practically nothing. It is a factor in equalizing educational opportunity within the town. In the long run it should help to unify and weld together the various sections of the town, thus serving an important civic function.

Our School Lunch Programs Are Excellent

Provision for a hot lunch at noon for pupils who remain at school during the lunch period has become quite common

in the public schools of Massachusetts. In Easton hot lunch facilities have been gradually expanded until all pupils who do not go to their own homes during the lunch hour have access to hot lunches, except in our three smallest schools (Unionville, Poquanticut and Furnace Village). At the Unionville School only an occasional pupil remains at the school during the lunch hour.

The lunch project which serves the South Easton and Eastondale Schools is operating in the same efficient way that has characterized it in the past. The big problem connected with this project is a high payroll with a relatively small number of pupils to support it. The weekly payroll is actually slightly higher than the wages paid the lunchroom workers at the High School. This is because of the cost of transporting lunches prepared at the Eastondale School to the South Easton School. The fact that this lunch project is able to be self-supporting is a tribute to the careful management of Mrs. Hayward and to the loyal support which the parents have given it.

The cafeteria at the High School was thoroughly reorganized at the beginning of the school year in September. Extensive and clever use of surplus commodities, greater care in buying, far more cooking and baking, speeding up the serving, and a general improvement in menus, characterize the changes made in this project. Both the complete lunch and a la carte items are sold. It has been difficult to popularize the complete lunch with older students, chiefly because of their preference for a la carte items, but improved attractiveness and some educational work showing that the complete lunch is the best "buy", are gradually increasing the number who purchase it.

The typical complete lunch at the High School consists of fruit juice, mashed potatoes, meat or other protein food, two vegetables, buttered bread, a half pint of milk, and dessert. This sells for twenty cents and cannot be duplicated in commercial eating places for less than three times that amount. Actually all that the pupils pay for is part of the raw foodstuffs that go into the lunch. The federal subsidy of nine cents per meal practically pays for the labor involved, the School Department provides the gas, electricity, rooms and janitor service, and the very liberal use of free surplus commodities from the Department of Agriculture provides part of the raw food-

stuffs. Parents should encourage their children to take advantage of these lunches at such low cost. The same amount of money cannot buy so much at home.

At the High School about 600 pupils pass through the lunch room, in three groups, each school day, although not all make purchases at the lunch counter. This number includes about 130 elementary pupils from the North Easton Grammar School who are not able to go home at noon.

Guidance Program Serves a Real Need

Our guidance program has been in the process of development over the past three years. This year it is approaching maturity. The present guidance director has more time to devote to the work than was assigned to his predecessor for it. Job placement and follow-up contacts are being attempted for the first time.

The new office for the guidance director is of great assistance to him. The old office was so small as to be totally inadequate. The new layout, made from the room formerly used as a teachers' room, provides ample space for displays of guidance materials, for records and for storage. It gives the director a private office and conference room, and an outer waiting room large enough for use in administering tests to small groups. A telephone has been installed for his use in placement work, and for convenience of parents and others in contacting him.

We have been much pleased with the fact that many parents are taking advantage of the guidance director's evening office hour to discuss with him adjustment problems concerning their sons and daughters. We hope that many such problems can be solved or alleviated through these conferences. His office is open Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 o'clock or later during the school year, holidays and vacation periods excepted.

The purpose of our guidance program is the securing of better adjustment between students and school, and between students and jobs when they are out of school. We believe that a great deal can be done by a man whose major interests

lie in this area and whose training has been directed toward this type of work. We hope that parents and students will make full use of this service.

Our Teaching Staff Has Too Many Changes

Our schools opened for the new school year in September with eleven new teachers, including a new high school principal. This unusually high number of new teachers constituted twenty-five per cent of the teaching staff. Among them, however, were two additional teachers to take care of the increased enrollment at the North Easton Grammar School. New teachers are:

Roger L. Warner, a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, with a master's degree from Boston University, who was elected from a large field of candidates to the principalship of Oliver Ames High School. Mr. Warner has been in school work thirteen years, the last ten of which were in Arlington High School, where he taught mathematics and served as a guidance counselor. He has been prominent in the activities of educational organizations of the state.

Vernon A. Schnare of Berlin, New Hampshire, was elected guidance co-ordinator with some mathematics teaching. Mr. Schnare is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire, has done graduate work in guidance at Boston University, and is a veteran of the last world war. He has taught in the Berlin High School for eleven years.

William A. Vellante of Waltham was elected physical education instructor and football and track coach. He also teaches eleven periods weekly of academic work. Mr. Vellante holds both the bachelor's and master's degrees from Boston University. He taught and coached for three years in Kent's Hill School in Maine.

Mrs. Shirley Tufts, of North Easton, a graduate of Michigan State University, with five and a half years of teaching experience in Michigan was appointed teacher of Home Economics in the Junior-Senior High School.

Robert D. King of North Easton, a graduate of the College of Music, Boston University, with a Master's degree from Har-

vard, was appointed supervisor of music in the elementary schools and music instructor in the Junior-Senior High School. Mr. King is a World War II veteran, has served previously as supervisor of music in Wakefield, and resigned from the staff of the College of Music, Boston University, where he was an assistant professor, to accept the position in his home town.

Perley J. Griswold, a graduate of Johnson, Vermont, Normal School and the University of Vermont, with a master's degree from Boston University, was appointed as social studies instructor at the Junior-Senior High School. Mr. Griswold is a World War II veteran, and has had six years' teaching experience in Vermont.

John E. Byrne, a graduate of Northeastern University, was elected as teacher of English and Social Studies in the Junior-Senior High School. Mr. Byrne is a veteran of World War II and taught English for two years in the Junior High School at Rockport.

Mrs. Florence H. O'Leary, a graduate of Bridgewater Teachers College and a former Easton teacher, was elected principal of the Eastondale School and teacher of grades 4 and 5 there.

Elizabeth M. Garrity, a graduate of Emmanuel College, with postgraduate work at Boston University School of Education and Emerson College, and a teacher of six years' experience, was appointed first grade teacher at the Eastondale School.

Ella Bailey, a graduate of Farmington, Maine, Normal School, with twenty years of teaching experience, was appointed as a sixth grade teacher at the North Easton Grammar School. Miss Bailey has previously taught in Gardiner, Maine, and in Chelmsford and Saugus in this state.

Helen R. Higgins, a graduate of Regis College, with five years' previous teaching experience, was appointed to the fifth and sixth grade position at the North Easton Grammar School. Miss Higgins taught the last two years in Biddeford, Maine.

During 1949 the following staff members severed their connections with the Easton schools:

Gilman H. Campbell retired from public school work under the provisions of the Teachers' Retirement Act, effective June 30, 1949. Mr. Campbell had served as principal of the Oliver Ames High School since 1927.

Leon A. Regan resigned as assistant principal and guidance co-ordinator of the Junior-Senior High School to accept the principalship of North Attleboro High School. Mr. Regan had been a member of the High School staff since 1927, with the exception of about three years served in the armed forces during World War II.

John F. Aldrich, physical education and science instructor in the Junior-Senior High School, during the school year 1948-49, accepted a position in the far west.

Pauline E. Buck resigned as Home Economics teacher in the High School, after two years' service, to accept a teaching position in Connecticut.

Marietta Canan resigned as music supervisor in the schools of the town to accept a similar position in Watertown. Miss Canan had served as music supervisor in Easton since 1937.

Lucille L. Marvill gave up her position as teacher of English in the Junior-Senior High School to accept a position in the Brockton schools. Miss Marvill had taught eight years in Easton.

Gladys T. Thomas resigned in the summer to be married. Miss Thomas first taught in the grades and later taught social studies in the Junior-Senior High School, having taught a total of ten years in Easton.

Clarence O. Richardson resigned as principal and teacher of grades 5 and 6 at the Eastondale School to accept the principalship of a larger elementary school in Topsfield. Mr. Richardson had taught at the Eastondale School since January, 1946.

Esther A. DeAvellar resigned as teacher of grades 1 and 2 at Eastondale School to accept a position in the Bridgewater schools. Miss DeAvellar had taught five years at the Eastondale School.

Eighteen of our staff of 44 teachers and principals were new in their positions either in 1948 or 1949. This turn-over in the teaching staff is too high for effective results. It is perhaps the best argument that can be advanced in support of the salary schedule which went into effect on September 1.

The Curriculum Changes with the Times

Several changes were made in the program of studies in the high school for the school year 1949-50. The World History course was expanded from a one-year course to a course requiring two years. A world geography course was made available to ninth grade pupils. The course known as Home Economics V and VI was instituted for junior and senior girls who wished to elect it.

The addition of the Home Economics V and VI has resulted in a very heavy program for the Home Economics teacher. The writer has advocated for some time the establishment of a state-aided vocational Home Economics department in our high school. This would add a second Home Economics teacher to our staff. To encourage the establishment of such courses, the federal government has allocated funds to the state, from which the state will pay the entire salary of the vocational Home Economics teacher for the first two years. This aid is gradually withdrawn until during the sixth year the town pays the full salary but is reimbursed by the state for half of it. Girls are required to spend half of their school day in Home Economics and related work, and half in regular academic work. Not over an average of ten girls in each of grades 9 to 12 inclusive can be admitted to the state aided classes in such a program. We are planning on adding this state aided work to our 1950-51 program of studies. It will insure the continuance of Home Economics studies for junior and senior girls, and it will tend to reduce the overload on the present Home Economics teacher.

Our high school principal urges the employment of another academic teacher in the High School, pointing out

that the efficiency of the entire high school would be increased by such action. It is true that both the average number of periods taught per teacher, and the pupil- teacher ratio in the school, are somewhat above accepted standards. If a teacher trained in the field of mathematics is employed, who can also teach mechanical drawing, it will make it possible to relieve our shop instructor of that subject and thereby make an eleventh grade shop course available. Our shop course now stops at the end of grade 10, although through a co-operative arrangement with the Brockton School Department twelfth grade boys wishing that type of training are permitted to spend the forenoons in our high school and afternoons in the Brockton Trade School, work taken in Brockton being credited towards the High School diploma. The bridging of this eleventh grade gap in our high school shop program is highly desirable.

Principal Warner and his staff of teachers are planning a thorough-going study of the High School program of studies, both as to content of courses and courses offered, during the next twelve months, with the intention of making recommendations for revision, effective in September, 1951.

In our elementary schools, our social studies program in grades 4, 5 and 6 needs study and revisions. A new basal reading system was adopted in 1949 and is being used with grade 1 pupils during the present school year. Our program in elementary science is very weak, due in part to out-of-date textbooks. There is a new interest in penmanship because of the adoption of the Rinehart Functional Handwriting System and the employment of their special supervisors. We are continuing to place special emphasis, as in past years, on excellence in the teaching of reading, arithmetic and spelling.

Needs of the Schools Always Change

It has been my custom to include in my annual reports a list of some of the things which the schools need, but which have not been provided for in our annual budgets. It is often surprising how rapidly some of these needs are met. Likewise new needs develop each year. Last year's reports listed seven major needs; two of the seven have already been reasonably well provided for, and a start has been made on a third (the surfacing of play areas). The others are repeated below, along with new ones.

Replacement of Fixed Furniture. We have in operation at the present time twenty-two elementary classrooms. Fifteen of these rooms have seating that is screwed to the floor. Many of them have desks with tops too small for the type of work which is done in elementary classrooms today. Seating in eight of these rooms was purchased in 1917. Due to an excellent maintenance program these seat and desk units are in about as good condition as they were when purchased thirty three years ago. This makes their replacement more difficult. Two rooms of modern portable seating were purchased in 1949, this action having been necessitated by the opening of two classrooms which had not been previously used for regular grade classes. Our 1950 budget provides funds for replacing the school seating in one primary grade room with more modern furniture. Each year's budget should contain funds for modernizing the school seating of one or two classrooms.

Sound-Proofing at the High School. Sound-absorbing ceilings in the High School shop and in the corridors of the newer part of the High School building would do much to reduce noise in the building. The materials used in the construction of these corridors tend to magnify noise. Our high school principal feels that a sound-absorbing ceiling in the High School cafeteria is also badly needed. It is possible that, as our maintenance program catches up with pressing needs, our maintenance man can do some of this work to improve the acoustics of our high school.

Surfacing Play Areas. A big problem during freezing and thawing weather is mud tracked into school buildings by children. More surfacing of play areas is needed. The surfacing of some 600 square yards east and south of the North Easton Grammar School has been a big help. Surfacing at the outlying schools should probably await a decision on what new building is to be done, to avoid the possibility of having to take up a pavement after a year or two of use.

Assembly Hall Chairs. The need of assembly hall chairs at the North Easton Grammar School is one which has frequently been stated before. Equipping this school with its own assembly seating would eliminate the necessity of transferring seating back and forth between this school and the High School.

Lighting of Classrooms. Present day standards for classroom lighting call for more artificial light than was thought necessary when most of our classrooms were built. We should press for a systematic program of modernizing electric light fixtures in classrooms. The 1950 budget provides funds for better lighting in Room 201 at the High School, which has such poor natural lighting that artificial lighting is used throughout the day.

A Special Music Room. Our music department is expanding. The acquisition of school owned instruments creates a storage problem. A special music room is needed at the High School. Just where this can be located is not clear at this time.

A Fence at the Eastondale School. A fence on the north and south boundaries of the Eastondale School lot is needed to separate school grounds from private property.

Additional Elementary Classrooms. The continued growth in elementary school enrollments has been discussed elsewhere in this report and need not be repeated here.

In Conclusion

The past year has been a year of change and progress in our schools. Preceding pages have been used in part to report on these improvements. It has been most enjoyable to be able to participate in them. I wish to express my appreciation of the help which School Committee members, principals, teachers and all others connected with the schools have contributed to make this progress possible.

I feel that our schools were better in 1949 than they were in 1948. It is our hope that there will be continued improvement in 1950. Our staff desires to make our school system outstanding among the smaller school systems of the area.

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT C. MANN

SCHEDULE OF "NO SCHOOL" SIGNALS

The sirens of both the North Easton and the South Easton fire stations will be used to sound the signal. The "no school" signal on the North Easton station will be two blasts sounded three times in succession (2-2-2). The "no school" signal on the South Easton station will be one long blast sounded either at 7:15 or 7:30 a. m. Signals will have the following meanings:

7:15 A.M.—No school all day at the Junior-Senior High School.

7:30 A.M.—No school all day in the elementary schools.

12:25 P.M.—No school for the afternoon session at the North Easton Grammar School and Unionville School.

"No school" signals will be used only when weather conditions are unusually severe. The scattered population of the town and the extensive pupil transportation system make it necessary to sound the signal, if at all, a considerable time in advance of the opening hour of school sessions. It occasionally happens that weather conditions which appear promising at the hour the signals should be sounded become severe by the time many pupils start for school. Parents are requested to use their own judgment in such cases as to whether or not a child should attend a school session. Absences from school under these circumstances will be marked in the school registers with a distinctive mark and will not be counted against the child's perfect attendance record on the report cards.

When school sessions are to be called off because of weather conditions, announcement will be made over radio stations WBET, and WBKA, Brockton. Parents should tune their radios to these stations between 7:15 and 8:00 A. M. if in doubt as to whether or not schools are to be in session.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF OAKES AMES BEQUEST**For the year ending December 31, 1949**

Balance on hand, January 1, 1949	\$4,153.53
Received from Trustees in 1949	3,651.48
Total Income	<u>\$7,805.01</u>

Expenditures:

		Less Fed. Tax Withheld	
Gilbert C. Mann	\$200.00	\$39.00	\$161.00
Pauline E. Buck	150.00	22.20	127.80
Shirley Tufts	100.00	14.80	85.20
Doris W. Leach	1,284.28	134.10	1,150.18
Charles E. MacLeod	1,272.00	188.00	1,084.00
	<u>\$3,006.28</u>	<u>\$398.10</u>	
Collector of Internal Revenue—			
Federal taxes withheld from salaries			\$398.10
Supplies Purchased	\$507.46		
Less Supplies Sold	63.74		\$443.72
Total Expenditures			<u>3,450.00</u>
Balance on hand, December 31, 1949			<u>\$4,355.01</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
of the
OLIVER AMES HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT ACTIVITIES FUND

The funds of the various organizations, except the High School Cafeteria, of the Junior-Senior High School are kept in a single activities fund. Receipts and payments pass through the hands of the teacher designated to handle the fund, and all disbursements must be approved by the high school principal and the superintendent of schools.

Below is a statement showing the receipts and payments for the year ending December 31, 1949.

Funds	Balances Dec. 31, 1948	1949 Receipts	1949 Payments	Balances Dec. 31, 1949
Class of 1949	\$514.53	\$683.01	\$1,197.54	\$.....
Class of 1950	89.13	818.23	359.22	548.14
Class of 1951	66.20	406.29	273.46	199.03
Class of 1952	17.25	134.14	45.82	105.57
Athletic Association	265.54	2,402.81	2,566.67	101.68
Eastoner	179.27d	974.00	762.13	32.60
Easton Teachers' Club	13.79	327.10	298.03	42.86
General Fund	107.34	6.16	7.77	105.73
Student Council	194.32	300.41	209.94	284.79
Junior High	239.41	66.94	306.35	.....
School Music	84.07	466.93	519.15	31.85
Accommodations	32.68	107.23	81.48	58.43*
Assembly Fund	9.09	66.48	20.00	55.57
Honor Society	116.71	33.00	94.50	55.21
H. S. Cafeteria Loan	237.04d	237.04		
	\$1,333.75	\$7,029.77	\$6,742.06	\$1,621.46

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*—Accommodations

Flower Fund	\$7.68
Class of 1948 Gift	25.00
Class of 1949	25.00
Cancelled Check No. 4484	.75
	\$58.43

Cash on hand	\$119.95
Check Book Balance	1,095.79
Savings Account	245.81
Junior High Savings Account	11.91
Junior High Bonds	148.00
	\$1,621.46

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
of the
OLIVER AMES HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

For the year ending December 31, 1949

Assets, January 1, 1949:

Cash on hand and in banks	\$471.61
Reimbursement receivable	224.63
Other bills receivable	23.78
Inventory	404.19
Total Assets	\$1,124.21

Liabilities, January 1, 1949:

Loan from Student		
Activities Fund	237.04	
Unpaid bills for supplies	699.92	
Withholding tax payable	65.10	
Total Liabilities		1,002.06
Net Worth, January 1, 1949		\$122.15

Assets, December 31, 1949:

Cash on hand and in banks	831.82
Reimbursement receivable	311.99
Other bills receivable	
Inventory	180.66
Total Assets	1,324.47

Liabilities, December 31, 1949:

Unpaid bills for supplies	785.14	
Withholding tax payable	42.00	
Total Liabilities		827.14
Net Worth, December 31, 1949		497.33
Gain for the year		\$375.18

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
of the
SOUTH EASTON—EASTONDALE SCHOOL LUNCHES
For the year ending December 31, 1949

Assets, January 1, 1949:

Cash in Bank	\$128.92	
Reimbursement receivable	450.72	
Other bills receivable	61.80	
Inventory	129.43	
Total Assets		\$770.87

Liabilities, January 1, 1949:

Unpaid bills for supplies	\$101.27	
Withholding tax payable	67.60	
Total Liabilities		\$168.87

Net Worth, January 1, 1949		\$602.00
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Assets, December 31, 1949:

Cash in Bank	\$46.65	
Reimbursement receivable	291.18	
Other bills receivable	2.20	
Inventory	237.76	
Total Assets		\$577.79

Liabilities, December 31, 1949:

Unpaid bills for supplies	\$211.58	
Withholding tax payable	58.80	
Total Liabilities		\$270.38

Net Worth, December 31, 1949		307.41
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Loss for the year		\$294.59
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REPORT OF AUDIT OF STUDENT FUNDS

To the School Committee, Town of Easton:

At the request of Mr. Gilbert C. Mann, Superintendent of Schools, I have audited the records of the following accounts:

South Easton and Eastondale School Lunch Project.

Oliver Ames High School Cafeteria.

Oliver Ames High School Student Activities.

I have checked the various receipts with receipt book stubs and other receipt records, also checked entries marked cash payments with check book stubs. I have also checked the deposits throughout the year with bank records and find that they agree.

The balances with the banks were reconciled with the balances reported directly to me by the depositaries.

Bonds and Savings Bank books are kept in safe in Superintendent's office and were checked by me.

All records were neatly and carefully kept.

I wish to thank Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Mann, and others for their co-operation through the audit.

Yours truly,

CHARLES H. LUFKIN,

Auditor.

EXPENDITURES BY DIVISIONS

January 1, 1949 — December 31, 1949

Including Amounts Paid from Oakes Ames and Oliver Ames Funds

	General	Senior High	Junior High	Elementary	Total
Office Expense, Telephone, etc.	\$585.56	.....	.....	.....	\$585.56
Superintendent's Travelling Expense	309.00	.....	.....	.....	309.00
Supervisor of Attendance	110.00	.....	.....	.....	110.00
Clerk	1,838.33	.....	.....	.....	1,838.33
Salaries	4,866.67	\$27,274.66	\$29,644.33	\$57,808.23	119,593.89
Textbooks .....	.....	746.56	524.23	1,436.94	2,707.73
Supplies .....	.....	2,511.02	1,525.67	1,873.94	5,910.63
Janitors' Wages .....	.....	2,550.83	2,277.19	7,947.54	12,775.56
Fuel .....	.....	1,768.00	1,767.99	3,831.08	7,367.07
Janitors' Supplies .....	.....	326.84	325.24	759.15	1,411.23
Water .....	.....	77.56	77.54	134.86	289.96
Electricity .....	.....	534.91	534.48	708.43	1,777.82
Miscellaneous School Plant .....	.....	56.73	56.79	290.81	404.33
Repairs and Furnishings .....	.....	2,669.13	2,212.30	3,680.02	8,561.45
Outlay .....	.....	2,081.16	1,040.50	3,624.70	6,746.36
Library .....	.....	102.25	38.50	.....	140.75
Health .....	.....	816.40	814.85	2,427.13	4,058.38
Transportation .....	.....	4,974.50	4,901.78	4,524.48	14,400.76
Tuition .....	.....	1,146.85	.....	32.00	1,178.85
Sundries .....	.....	134.16	117.35	257.37	508.88
Graduation .....	.....	189.99	.....	.....	189.99
Insurance .....	.....	915.87	915.88	1,629.73	3,461.48
Total	\$7,709.56	\$48,877.42	\$46,774.62	\$90,966.41	\$194,328.01
Average Membership	1,084.00	217.00	251.00	616.00	1,084.00
Cost per pupil in average membership not including capital outlay and trade school tuition, year ending December 31, 1949..	\$7.11	\$210.37	\$182.21	\$141.79	\$171.99
Average in State, year ending June 30, 1949	7.56	261.86	215.63	162.28	190.61

EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENTS—SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, GRADES X TO XII

January 1, 1949 — December 31, 1949

Including Amounts Paid from Oakes Ames and Oliver Ames Funds

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EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENTS—JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, GRADES VII-IX
January 1, 1949 — December 31, 1949
Including Amounts Paid from Oakes Ames and Oliver Ames Funds

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ENROLLMENT BY GRADES — OCTOBER 1, 1949

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	P. G.	Sp. Cl.	Total
Junior-Senior High School																
North Easton Grammar School	67	72	55	47	48	53	73	78	69	96	80	75	58			456
South Easton School		19	15	16	9	7	10									415
Eastondale School		25	20	16	16	8										76
Furnace Village School		17	13	11	12	11										85
Poquanticut School		10	3	8												64
Unionville School		7	9	12												21
TOTAL	67	150	115	110	85	79	83	78	69	96	80	75	58			1145

CENSUS REPORT

The annual census of children in town between the ages of 5 and 16 was taken as of October 1, 1949, as required by law.

	Boys	Girls	Total
Under 5 years attending school	11	10	21
Between the ages of 5 and 7	135	117	252
Between the ages of 7 and 16	422	352	774
	568	479	1,047

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

June 23, 1949

1. March Processional
2. Invocation
Reverend George A. Mark
3. National Anthem (First and last verses)
Orchestra and Audience
4. Address of Welcome by Class President
Louis Gomes Silva
5. Selections—Grandma Sachs
Mountains Rasbach

High School Glee Club

6. Address—"Wings of the Future"
President Carl S. Ell, Northeastern University
7. Selection—
Entrance March from Iolanthe Gilbert and Sullivan

High School Orchestra

8. Award of:
Susan E. French Scholarship—Nancy Stevens Lowd
Young Scholarship—Joan Elaine Gustafson
Clover Club Scholarship—Joyce Ann Bellows
Easton Huskies A. A. Inc., Scholarship—Robert Emil Larson. Given in memory of Thomas B. and Frank L. Downey, Jr., members of the classes of 1935 and 1937 respectively.
Browning Club Award—Conradene May Farnsworth.
Laurel Club Award—Elizabeth Alice Hayward
Outlook Club Award—Barbara Ann Schleicher
J. Francis O'Neil Athletic Trophy—Thomas Francis Buckley, '50

Washington and Franklin History Certificate—Hazel
McDonald Luke, '50

D.A.R. Good Citizenship Certificate and Medal—Con-
radene May Farnsworth

Diplomas

Mr. Clyde A. Craig, Jr.

9. Class Song

Words by Joyce Towne

10. Benediction

Reverend Harry S. Lowd

11. Recessional—Thunderer March

Sousa

GENERAL HONORS

Graduated with High Honors

Joan Elaine Gustafson

Barbara Ann Schleicher

Nancy Stevens Lowd

Frances Ann Stuart

Bettina Madelyn Hollis

Graduated With Honors

Robert Malcolm Anderson

Doreen Marie Hedlund

Joyce Ann Bellows

Barbara Jean Bissett

Betty Eva Kidder

Muriel Margaret Brady

Vincent John Lombardi

Ernest Richard Camara

Catherine Agnes Meade

Natalie Hall Cameron

Robert Frederick Niemi

Mary Amelia Delgado

Mildred Lavinia Reid

Conradene May Farnsworth

Frank Joseph Reynolds, Jr.

Rose Eileen Freitas

Greta Ann Rydholm

Joyce Elna Towne

SPECIAL HONORS

High Honors

Doris Virginia Bowden

Bookkeeping

Joan Elaine Gustafson

Latin

Bettina Madelyn Hollis	Latin
Betty Eva Kidder	Typewriting
Vincent John Lombardi	Latin, History
Nancy Stevens Lowd	Latin
Elaine Ann Philbrick	Bookkeeping
Mildred Lavinia Reid	Bookkeeping
Barbara Ann Schleicher	French, Latin
Frances Ann Stuart	Latin

Honors

Beatrice Palonia Alho	Typewriting
Audrey Mae Beale	Domestic Arts
Mary Amelia Delgado	Stenography, Typewriting
Joan Elaine Gustafson	French
Bettina Madelyn Hollis	French
Betty Eva Kidder	Stenography
Nancy Stevens Lowd	French
Rose Marie Parker	Typewriting
Francis Joseph Reynolds, Jr.	Mathematics
Frances Ann Stuart	English, French

High honors are given pupils whose yearly marks in particular subjects are all "A's"; honors are given those who have received but one "B", all other yearly marks being "A". Honors will not be given in subjects requiring less than two years in curriculum nor to any pupil pursuing a subject less than the maximum number of years.

CLASS OF 1949

Bertha Patricia Abreu	Lawrence Joseph Hurley
Beatrice P. Alho	Robert Anthony Iacampo
Valdemira Joan Amorim	Betty Eva Kidder
Earl Arthur Anderson	Emerson Osborne Kidder*
Robert Malcolm Anderson	Robert Emil Larson
Audrey Mae Beale	Rita Ann Leary
Joyce Ann Bellows	John Frederick Linehan
Barbara Jean Bissett	Vincent John Lombardi
Donald Warren Blood	Nancy Stevens Lowd
Doris Virginia Bowden	Florence Rheta MaDan
Muriel Margaret Brady	Joan Alice McCann
Robert L. Briggs	Catherine Agnes Meade
Evelyn Irene Brown	Dorothy Marie Mullen
Joseph John Buckley	Robert Frederick Niemi
Ernest Richard Camara	Barbara Ann Niklason
Natalie Hall Cameron	David Edward Nolan
Donald Winslow Christensen	Theodore Francis Nystrom
Robert Edward Coleman	Rose Marie Parker
John J. Correia	Alice Margaret Peterson
Arthur Lionel Curry	Elaine Ann Philbrick
Joan Lorraine Dahl	Raymond Franklin Randall
Arnold William Daurie	Mildred L. Reid
Mary Amelia Delgado	Frank Joseph Reynolds, Jr.
Helena Mary Donaghue	Greta Ann Rydholm
Geraldine May Doyle	Barbara A. Schleicher
E. Carole Ellis	Louis Gomes Silva
Conradene May Farnsworth	David Patrick Shea
Rose Eileen Freitas	Theresa Madelyn Silva
Andrew Daniel Gardner	Charles James Slavin, Jr.
Catherine F. Gill	Frances Ann Stuart
James A. Gorman	Edward Henry Talbot
Joan Elaine Gustafson	Joyce Elna Towne
Elizabeth Alice Hayward	Doris May Treleven
Doreen Marie Hedlund	Kenneth Warren Varney
Bettina Madelyn Hollis	George Alfred Waugh
Robert E. Holmberg	David Acton Williams
Arthur Melvin Holmes	Beverly Ann Willis
Melba Louise Holmes	Elmer Clifford Willis, Jr.

*As of Class of 1946

IN MEMORIAM

Milton J. Brady

ORGANIZATION

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Clyde A. Craig, Jr., Chairman	118 Lincoln Street, North Easton
Telephone 282	Term expires, March, 1950
David Ames	25 Main Street, North Easton
Telephone 587	Term expires, March, 1951
Donald W. Bellows	7 Spooner Street, North Easton
Telephone 308	Term expires, March, 1951
Mrs. Alice K. Briggs	Center Street, North Easton
Telephone 318	Term expires, March, 1950
Mrs. Helen S. Tyler	Washington Street, South Easton
Telephone 198	Term expires, March, 1952

Superintendent of Schools

Gilbert C. Mann, B.S., M.Ed.

Residence, 7 Howland Court, North Easton	Telephone 537
Office, Oliver Ames High School Building	Telephone 17

Clerk

Elizabeth M. Slavin

Residence, 31 Barrows Street, North Easton	Telephone 419
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Office Hours: 8:00 A. M. to 12:00 M; 1:00 to 5:00 P. M. Mondays to Fridays inclusive. Monday evenings, 7:00 to 8:00. Hours during the summer vacation: 9:00 A. M. to 12:00 M; 1:00 to 4:00 P. M. Mondays to Fridays inclusive. Monday evenings, 7:00 to 8:00. Educational and employment certificates written at the office only.

School Physician

Dr. Jacob Brenner, 8 Oliver St., North Easton, Telephone 377

School Nurse

Grace M. Murch, B.S., R.N.

Office, Olive Ames High School Building	Telephone 17
Office Hours: 8:15 to 8:35 A. M. and 1:00 to 1:15 P. M.	

Supervisor of Attendance

Alfred H. Dahlborg 209 Main Street, North Easton
Telephone 346

School Calendar

Winter Term January 2, 1950, to February 17, 1950, inclusive
Spring Term February 27, 1950, to April 14, 1950, inclusive
Summer Term April 24, 1950, to June 22, 1950, inclusive
Fall Term Opens September 6, 1950

School Committee Meetings

High School Building, first Monday evening of each month at 7:30 o'clock, or the following Monday if the first Monday is a holiday, except in March and April. March meeting, third Monday; April meeting, second Monday. Also third Monday of September, October, November, December, January, May and June.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

OLIVER AMES JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Name	Subject or Grade	Where Educated	Date of App'tm't	Years of Teaching
Roger L. Warner	Principal Geometry	University of Massachusetts, B.S. Boston University, M.Ed. Harvard University (Summer)	1949-9	13
Vernon A. Schnare	Guidance Coordinator Mathematics	University of New Hampshire, A.B. Boston University (Summer)	1949-9	10
John R. Byrne	English	Northeastern University, B.S.	1949-9	2
Veronica E. Carter	Commercial	Salem Normal, B.S. *Boston University	1945-9	18
Margaret G. Connolly	Commercial Geography	Bay Path Institute Boston University (Summer)	1947-9	24
Margaret E. Dinneen	Commercial	Salem Normal School Boston University, B.S.	1943-9	23
E. Elizabeth Donohue	Mathematics Physical Education	Bridgewater State Teachers College, B.S. Sargent College (Summer)	1947-9	4
Evelyn Foster	English	Colby College, A.B. Columbia University, A.M. Emerson College (Summer)	1943-4	21
James C. Galt	Science	Springfield College, B.S. Syracuse University (Summer) Boston University (Summer)	1948-9	4
Perley J. Griswold	Social Studies	Johnson, Vt., State Teachers College University of Vermont, B.S. Boston University, M.S.	1949-9	4

Name	Subject or Grade	Where Educated	Date of App'tm't	Years of Teaching
Kathryn E. Healey	Mathematics	Boston University, B.S. Harvard University (Summer)	1936-9	13
Adelaide W. Johnson	English	Hyannis State Teachers College (Summer) Bridgewater State Teachers College, B.S. Boston University, M.Ed.	1936-9	13
Robert D. King	Music	Boston University, B.Mus.	1949-9	4
Pauline R. Lyons	Music Supervisor in Grades Latin French	Harvard University, A.M. New Rochelle College, A.B. University of Mexico (Summer)	1943-3	15
Charles E. MacLeod	Practical Arts	Boston City Training Course for Teachers of Mechanic Arts *Boston University Fitchburg State Teachers College (Summer) Mass. Institute of Technology (Summer)	1931-9	18
John C. Mason	Social Studies	*University of Maine Boston University, B.S. Boston University, M.Ed.	1935-10	23
Barbara Nickerson	English	Univ. of New Brunswick, A.B. *University of London (England) Columbia University, M.A.	1928-9	27
Herbert J. Rollins	Art Art Supervisor in Grades	Scott Carbee School of Art	1948-9	5
Shirley Tufts	Household Arts	Michigan State University, B.S.	1949-9	6
William A. Vellante	Physical Education	Boston University, B.S.	1949-9	4
Thomas A. White	Science Mathematics	Boston University, M.Ed. Boston College, A.B. Boston University, A.M.	1947-9	5½

NORTH EASTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Johanna G. McFadden	Principal	Bridgewater Normal School *Boston University	1922-9	27
Ella Bailey	Six	Farmington (Maine) Normal School	1949-9	25
Mary M. Buckley	Two	Bridgewater Normal School	1945-9	20½
Raylene B. Carlson	Five	Boston University, B.S. Hyannis State Teachers College (Summer) Columbia University (Summer) University of Vermont (Summer)	1945-9	15
Catherine Q. Dineen	Three and Four	Bridgewater Normal School *Boston University	1948-9	29
Viola M. Geddes	One	Castine Normal School (Maine)	1936-9	16
Olive H. Gurney	One and Two	Bridgewater Normal School	1946-9	19
Mary V. Harvey	Six	Bridgewater Normal School *Boston University	1922-9	28
Gertrude B. Hawkes	One	Gorham State Teachers College (Maine)	1948-9	4½
Helen R. Higgins	Five and Six	Regis College, A.B. University of New Hampshire (Summer) Boston University (Summer)	1949-9	5
Doris W. Leach	*Kindergarten	*Emerson College Perry Kindergarten Normal Boston University (Summer)	1926-9	23
Grace P. Mills	Four	Oneonta Normal (N. Y.)	1943-1	20
Jeannette P. Smith	Three	Bridgewater State Teachers College, B.S. University of Vermont (Summer)	1947-9	13

SOUTH EASTON SCHOOL

Eleanor M. Biechele	Principal Three and Four	Wheelock School	1946-2	9
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Name	Subject or Grade	Where Educated	Date of App'tm't	Years of Teaching
Lenore A. Rohdin	One and Two	Bridgewater Normal School	1948-11	27
Margaret M. Walsh	Five and Six	College of New Rochelle, A.B.	1948-9	1
EASTONDALE SCHOOL				
Florence H. O'Leary	Principal	Bridgewater Normal School	1949-9	8
Elizabeth M. Garrity	Four and Five			
	One	Emmanuel College, A.B.	1949-9	4
		*Emerson College		
		Boston University (Summer)		
Priscilla H. Leighton	Two and Three	Bridgewater State Teachers College, B.S.	1944-9	6
FURNACE VILLAGE SCHOOL				
Esther J. Heath	Principal	Bridgewater Normal School	1944-1	25½
	Three, Four and Five	*Columbia University		
		*Montclair Teachers College (N. J.)		
Anna A. Gilmore	One and Two	Bridgewater Normal School	1945-9	12
UNIONVILLE SCHOOL				
Edith V. Goff	One, Two and Three	Taunton High School	1922-9	31
		Hyannis Normal (Summer)		
POQUANTICUT SCHOOL				
Helen Koroskys	One, Two and Three	*Marywood College	1947-9	3½
		*Notre Dame College		
		Boston University (Summer)		

* Attended without graduating.

SPECIAL MUSIC TEACHERS

Kathryn Goeres
Louis Miccuci
Myron Thomas
William Flanagan

Stringed Instruments
Reed Instruments
Brass Instruments
Percussion Instruments

PENMANSHIP SUPERVISION

William L. Rinehart and Assistants

SUPERVISOR OF MAINTENANCE

John A. Gustafson

1949-4

SCHOOL CUSTODIANS

Alfred H. Dahlborg
Charles A. Malloy
Hjalmer E. Johnson
Alton E. Alger
Ivar G. Miller
Everett A. Dunn
Carrie M. Smith
Willis G. Buck

Junior-Senior High School
Junior-Senior High School
North Easton Grammar School
South Easton School
Eastondale School
Furnace Village School
Unionville School
Poquanticut School

1924-11

1942-11

1933-8

1949-3

1949-8

1928-8

1939-9

1947-8

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING SURVEY COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Easton:

The committee appointed following the last annual Town Meeting to make a survey of the present school facilities and recommend to the citizens of the Town of Easton what in their opinion would be desirable adequately to care for the increasing numbers of elementary pupils in the town held numerous meetings, visited several schools in other towns, and in addition talked to officials of the State Department of Education and State School Building Assistance Commission. Statistics compiled from present enrollments in our elementary schools and a survey of pre-school children and birth records disclosed there will be steadily increasing numbers of elementary pupils in the town until the school year 1952-1953. Present facilities are inadequate to house the indicated 785 elementary pupils which the town will have to provide for three years hence. There are, in addition, some thirty-five potential Kindergarten pupils in the South Easton-Eastondale area.

Your committee is unanimous in the feeling that one central elementary school would be the ideal solution, both from the standpoint of economy of operation and for educational efficiency. The cost of such a move would be, in our opinion, beyond the financial ability of the town. The recommendations in Plan I which follow will, if carried out provide school facilities which are adequate for a modern educational program, efficient to operate and the least expensive of the various acceptable plans studied. Plan II is less desirable. Small schools are expensive to operate and pupils in them miss many of the advantages of larger schools.

The Junior-Senior High School is sufficient in size to carry the pupil load and present statistics indicate that no additions to this building are necessary.

Easton is eligible to receive school building assistance from the state on approved construction to the amount of fifty per-

cent of the cost, excluding interest. Under the law which provides this aid the town will have to raise the entire cost of new construction, presumably by a bond issue, and the state will reimburse the town for one half the amount of the bonds as they are retired each year. In order to take advantage of this state aid under the present law, plans will have to be approved before July 1, 1951.

This committee recommends consideration of the following two plans:

Plan I

1. Close the Poquanticut School and transport the pupils to the North Easton Grammar School. This school is too small to be operated efficiently both financially and educationally.

2. Close the Unionville School and transport these pupils to the North Easton Grammar School. The same criticisms apply to this school as were made of the Poquanticut School. Furthermore, it is located on a dangerous state highway.

3. Close the South Easton School and transport the pupils to the Eastondale School. This school is too small to operate economically and its facilities are too limited for a modern educational program. Its location on a busy state highway is very undesirable.

4. Add to the North Easton Grammar School four classrooms and a utility room. The present small assembly room can be converted to a lunchroom if advisable. The utility room would provide facilities for assemblies, music groups, and play purposes.

5. Add six classrooms and a utility room to the Eastondale School. One of these classrooms should be a Kindergarten room. The purposes of the utility room would be the same as for the corresponding room at the North Easton Grammar School.

6. Add one classroom to the Furnace Village School.

The above recommendations, if carried out, will result in providing elementary pupils in the South Easton-Eastondale

area with school facilities comparable in quality and efficiency with those in the North Easton area. They will take care of some future growth in the South Easton-Eastondale district. They will eliminate the necessity of transporting sixth grade pupils to North Easton.

The above Plan I calls for building eleven classrooms and two utility rooms. Your Committee finds that school rooms are costing \$25,000 to \$30,000 each and, therefore, this program would cost around \$325,000.

The amount of the town's bond debt limit is approximately \$270,000, which amount can be increased by an act of the Legislature. If we conform to the generally accepted standards of school building practices, the State will pay for half the above expenditure and the plan would cost the town approximately \$162,500 plus interest.

Plan II.

This plan will provide housing for the maximum pupil load but the resulting facilities will fall far short of modern standards for elementary education. It fails to improve the town's educational program, in which case it is problematical as to the town's ability to qualify for the State Aid.

This plan calls for using all present available rooms, adding three classrooms and one utility room to the Eastondale School, one classroom to the Easton Furnace School and a utility room to the North Easton Grammar School. The cost of this program would be in the vicinity of \$150,000, and if this conforms to the state requirements it would cost the town approximately \$75,000, excluding interest.

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